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## CORRESPONDENCE OF HENRY LAURENS

Annotated by JOSEPH W. BARNWELL

The life of Henry Laurens by Prof. D. D. Wallace has, of course, brought to the notice of all persons interested in the history of South Carolina the character and services of this distinguished merchant and statesman. A few of his letters have been published in this magazine (Vols. 3 to 6-24. 25). Extracts, and, in some cases, entire letters of Laurens have also been published in the volumes of "Letters of the Members of the Continental Congress" edited by Edmund C. Burnett and published by the Carnegie Institution of Washington, D. C. Some of his letters, too, have been published from time to time elsewhere. Nevertheless only a small proportion of the many letters written by him have been spread in full before the public, and those who wish to examine them must do so for the most part in the manuscript collections of the South Carolina Historical Society, and of the Historical Societies of Long Island and Pennsylvania.

We have decided to publish more of his letters, copies of which without signatures are in our possession, and for the purpose of aiding those who are interested in South Carolina History will publish all of the letters cited or mentioned in the life of Henry Laurens, by Prof. Wallace. We will publish, too, in full those letters from which only extracts are published by the Carnegie Institution, and will also publish other letters of the Laurens correspondence which we think important or interesting, even when not referred to by Prof. Wallace, or the Carnegie Institution.

A brief sketch of Henry Laurens may be found useful in reading his letters. Born, March 6, 1724, his parents John Laurens and Esther Grasset were both Huguenots of a Rochelle family, but they came to South Carolina long after the immigration which took place just before and after the revocation of the Edict of Nantes, in 1685, when most other Huguenots came to this State. His father had established in Charles Town a large business in saddlery goods, and had become a man of considerable means, and his son Henry was given as good an education as could be found in the Charles Town of that day.

Young Laurens was sent to England in 1744 and was trained to business in the office of James Crockatt, who had done business in Charles Town, and in 1749, after his return to England, had been appointed agent of the province there. His successor was appointed March 19, 1756. It was thought that young Laurens would be taken into partnership by Mr. Crockatt, but owing to some misunderstanding, this arrangement fell through and Laurens after a second visit to England came back to Charles Town in 1748. His father had died just before his first return and Laurens commenced business with George Austin under the firm name of "Austin & Laurens" and afterwards, George Appleby became a member of the firm and finally Laurens was by himself. He proved himself a most capable and successful merchant, doing a large business in the importation of negroes, and in the exportation of the products of the State and the importation of goods from England. As his fortune increased, he became a large planter in South Carolina and Georgia and showed his capacity in managing this property to be quite equal to his skill as a merchant. He retired from mercantile business in 1776. When the troubles with the English government began, Laurens, though moderate in his views and sincerely loyal to the English crown, yet deeply resented the indifference shown to the opinions and interests of the province, and took part, though reluctantly, in the measures adopted for resistance to the steps taken by the English government to override the colonies in America.

He was elected President of the "Council of Safety," which, with several committees, practically governed the province from the time when Lord William Campbell abandoned the province in September, 1775, until the adoption of the constitution of March 26, 1776.



The Constitution of South Carolina of March 1776 having provided for an orderly government of the State, Laurens released from his labors at the head of Revolutionary Committees was in January 1777, against his protest elected as a delegate to the Continental Congress where he took his seat on July. 22rd. 1777.

He possessed qualities eminently fitting him for membership of that body. A most successful merchant and planter with many opportunities for knowing the England of that day owing to his residence there and visits on numerous occasions, with his knowledge of Parliamentary Law obtained as a member of the Commons House of Assembly and of the War at its outbreak gained from his chairmanship of the Council of Safety, his experience was second to that of no member of the body. His course was generally in opposition to all party or sectional feeling, and in condemnation of intrigues of any kind for obtaining office or power. A martyr, as he was, to the gout his attendance to his duties was most remarkable.

On the resignation of John Hancock as President of Congress Laurens was on November 1st 1777 unanimously elected as President in his place, serving with great distinction till Dec. 9. 1778 when he resigned. In Feb. 1780 he was again elected as a delegate to the Continental Congress. In November 1779 he was chosen commissioner to Holland to negotiate a loan for \$10,000,000 and a treaty of amity with the United Netherlands.

On his way to Europe the ship on which he sailed was captured by the British and a part of his papers were captured with him. Among them was a rough draft of a proposed treaty with Holland. Laurens was confined in the Tower of London at great injury to his health and was not discharged till his release by Lord Mansfield, Chief Justice of England, in December. 1781 (see his "narative" of his capture and confinement, Collections of the S. C. Hist Soc. Vol. 1. P. 18.)

In 1782 he was appointed by Congress one of the Commissioners for peace with England, giving most able assistance to his colleagues owing to his many friends in England and knowledge of the situation in both England and France. He returned from Europe in 1784, retiring to Mepkin, his plantation on the Cooper River, from which place he proceeded to gather together his remaining assets putting in order his planting interest almost

wrecked during the War. He estimated his losses at £40,000 (sterling), over \$200,000. He died on December 8th 1792. His body was cremated under the directions of his will. Laurens possessed a sharp tongue and a sharp pen in spite of his kindly disposition and his controversies were numerous with those who attacked him or whom he felt deserved exposure, and the comments upon his course and character were by no means always favorable. However, we think Prof. Wallace is correct in his high estimate of his character and conduct and his services to his country during his long life.

HENRY LAURENS TO JAMES CROCKATT,<sup>1</sup> LONDON

3<sup>d</sup>. June 1747

I wrote you the 8<sup>th</sup> April last on board the Neptune, Bellegarde off Cowes, & suppose it reach'd you in course so to it I refer. We Sail'd that day under Convoy<sup>2</sup> of the Shoreham Man of War in Company with the Concord. Young & George, 6 tons, but being dull Sailors the Man of War drop'd 'em the 2<sup>d</sup> or 3<sup>d</sup> day after sailing.

This day I arriv'd here, and to my great grief find that my best Friend my dear Father<sup>3</sup> died four Days ago, as he was a tender and affectionate parent, I am under great Concern for my loss.

In looking among my Father's papers, I observe he wrote me the 12<sup>th</sup> March last p the Fame, Cap<sup>t</sup>. Thompson, sail'd hence the 21<sup>st</sup> d<sup>e</sup> & then inclosed me William Horton's 1<sup>st</sup> Bill of Exchange on Thomas Mariott, Esq. at Gen. Oglethorpe's, dated 10<sup>th</sup> Febry. 1746/7 payable at 30 days sight to David Montaigut & Comp<sup>y</sup> for Sixty Pounds, £ 60 Sterling, being on Acc<sup>t</sup>. of Captain Lieutenant

<sup>1</sup> A prominent merchant of Charles Town and London. Returned to England in 1739 and was appointed agent of the province there in 1749. His successor was appointed in 1756. While in Charles Town was one of the organizers of the first fire insurance company in America in 1736.

<sup>2</sup> England was then at war with Spain. The war was often known as the war of "Jenkins's ear" because he was examined before the House of Commons as to injuries received from the Spaniards. The war was declared October 19, 1739, and was ended October 20, 1748, by the peace of Aix-la-Chapelle.

<sup>3</sup> John Laurens the father of Henry Laurens (born March 30, 1699, died May 30, 1747). One of the wardens of St. Philip's Church, and one of the fire masters of the Friendly Society.

John Williams & the Rangers under his Command at Ogeechee without further advice.

Also said Horton's 1<sup>st</sup> Bill on said Marriott of the same date as above payable at same time to same persons for fifty eight pounds three Shillings & 2<sup>d</sup> £ 58.3.2 Sterling being on Acc<sup>t</sup>. of pay to Quarter Master John Milledge<sup>4</sup> & the Rangers under his Command at Fort Argyle<sup>5</sup> without further advice. Also said Horton's 1<sup>st</sup> Bill on said Marriott of same date payable at same time to same persons as above for fifty Seven pounds fourteen Shillings. £ 57.14/ Sterling being on Acc<sup>t</sup>. of Pay to Captain Lieutenant Thomas Jones & the ranger under his command without further advice.

also said Horton's 1<sup>st</sup> Bill on said Marriott of same date, payable at same time to the same persons as above for £24/11. Twenty four Pounds eleven Shillings Sterling, being on acc<sup>t</sup> of pay to Lieutenant William Francis & the rangers under his command without further advice. . The said four Bills amounting in the whole to £ 200.8.2. Say two hundred pounds, eight Shillings & 2d Sterling were cash endorsed by David Montaigut & Comp<sup>y</sup>. & I can't discover by the Copy of my Father's Letter whether he filled up the endorsement payable to me or not which occasions my being so particular in describing them above. I now inclose you second Bills of each of the above Letts endors'd payable to you or order value of me, please to make a tender for acceptance & Payment of said Bills & when in Cash pass the Neat Amount to the C<sup>r</sup>. of my Acc<sup>t</sup>. & in case of non-payment do the needfull in getting them presented & return'd to me, unless you have a Prospect of getting them paid in a short time after due.

as we had an excellent Passage in Point of Weather in the Neptune so I doubt not but all the Goods will turn out in good Order which shall advise you hereafter with a proof of her Sailing under Convoy in order to recover the return premis.<sup>6</sup>

Two Snows are just coming in which I imagine are the Concord & George. my present melancholy situation will not permit me to

<sup>4</sup> The father of John Milledge governor of Georgia, 1802-1806.

<sup>5</sup> Fort Argyle was built and named by Oglethorpe in 1733 on the great Ogeechee River where the Indian path led to Charles Town.

<sup>6</sup> This return premium was probably a part of the insurance contracts with shipping during the war.

enlarge. So with my compliments to Mrs. Crockatt & each of  
 your good family, I am very respectfully Sir  
 Your Humble Servant,

HENRY LAURENS TO WILLIAM FLOWER MERCH<sup>t</sup>. AT LLOYD'S COFFEE  
 HOUSE, LONDON

10<sup>th</sup> July, 1747.

Before this reaches you, you will no doubt be informed of my safe arrival here the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup>. (as I have wrote to Mr. Crockatt since by several Conveyances) & also of the melancholy Entry I made at my arrival, which I hope will be a sufficient Apology for my omitting to pay my Respects to you earlier than this, which you may be assured I would have done if there had been a possibility, & to convince you of that I shall let few opportunityes pass hereafter, without giving you a Chance of paying four pence<sup>7</sup> for my Scribble, & if the Honest French Man should save you that Expence, I believe it will be so much clear gain to you.

I parted with you as well as with all the good Folks in Cloake Lane with a Heavy Heart and melancholy Mind, & more than once on my Journey to Portsmouth, & passage to this Place, I repented me of my resolution to return here & now & then wish'd myself resettled in the Place I had left. however! my resolution got ahead of my fears & now I find our Motto verified. (optimum &c) Events are certainly best! I have often told you that I thought much of my disappointment with Mr. —<sup>8</sup> (you know my meaning) but as my affairs are turned out, 'tis the Luckiest thing could have happened, for had it (that Scheme) been carried into Execution the Death of my Father would obliged me to break it off in order to return to this place & Settle the Concerns of his Estate, which I apprehend would have been difficult to effect, after an Engagement of that kind; but so wave this, I am now fix<sup>d</sup> here & tho' I hope not for Life, yet for some Years at least I cant propose to remove; nor to have the pleasure of your good Company unless you should think proper to venture 'cross the Atlantic Ocean & visit this Spot of the Globe & if such a voyage should be agreeable

<sup>7</sup> This was a payment by way of postage on letters between England and America.

<sup>8</sup> Evidently intended to refer to Mr. Crockatt.

to your inclination & Interest in future, I should rejoice to be foremost in congratulating your safe arrival & rendering you all good and friendly offices in my Power.

I have been so extremely hurried in Busyness since my arrival as not to have Time for attempting a Collection of Shells<sup>9</sup> for you nor can I propose myself that pleasure 'till after this Violent Season of the Year is past, but in the meantime I shall be Laying in store what may accidentally fall in my way.

Optimum quod evenit,<sup>10</sup> (once more) You may remember the Discourse between us on the extraordinary favours, to a Certain Person on the Spott in respect to Chartered Ships, if there was any partiality in it, I wish it may not, in the present Circumstances of this Port, prove a great Disadvantage to the Parties, instead of the Service intended; but let this be Sub Rosa as 'tis no concern of mine.

I shall be glad of opportunity to render you any service in my Power here, & hope you will not be so over burthened with Busyness as to deprive me the Pleasure of a Line now & then. I know you always write in the agreeable, but I shall esteem the favour if you will now and then write also in the Usefull Stile, by which I mean that you give me the state of our Commodities at your Markett, arrival or miscarriage of our homeward bound Vessells &c. & this will be the more serviceable to me & less trouble to you if Convey'd by such opportunities as Mr. Crockatt may omit. I beg Pardon for this Freedom, which I can only attone for by making good my promises above when opportunity presents.

Be so kind, to make my Compliments to each enquireing Friend, & believe me to be, Dear Sir, most affectionately yours;

P.S. I shall endeavour to write you again by some of the Ships now ready to Sail.

<sup>9</sup> The gathering of sea shells as presents on the beaches near Charles Town continues to this day and, of course, they are in greater quantity after an Equinoctial or other gale.

<sup>10</sup> "What happens is best" or, as Pope wrote it, "Whatever is is right."

HENRY LAURENS TO MRS. MARY GITTENS<sup>11</sup>18<sup>th</sup> Septem. 1747.

Dear Sister,

I have Long since been inclin'd to write to & administer you some relief as I have at times heard of the dismal streights you were in & by some accident or another have hitherto been prevented, but haveing this day heard of M<sup>r</sup>. John Bedon,<sup>12</sup> many of the hardships yourself & Children have been expos'd to since you left your native Clime, & your great distress when he saw you last at Santa Cruz, the reciting which gave me great concern, I cant omitt embracing this first opportunity to relieve you so far as is at present in my power & consistent with the uncertainty of this reaching you. I now inclose you Francis Holmes's first Bill for twelve pounds Sterling on Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Parker & Stevens March<sup>e</sup> in Antigua Payable to you or order at 30 Days Sight which I doubt not will be duly paid. By the next Conveyance which will be the Hector, Capt. McNeal I'll send you a further supply either in a Bill or Pistoles & hope both will reach you in time to be serviceable.

As I always carefully avoided knowing the cause of the difference between my Father & yourself so you may be assured I was never far Byass'd to your prejudice, however from the strict observation I have made on his morals & natural disposition to forgive offences, I persuade myself you were much in the wrong & did not act the part of a dutiful Child to a Tender & endearing Parent, which you must acknowledge he ever was to all his Children & particularly so to yourself. Pardon my severity, Sister, & think not I say this to upbraid you & add to the weight of your present afflictions. No, I would only press this solemn matter home to you, & at the same time as I relieve you from Bodily evils, endeavour to bring your mind out of error, wherefore I pray you will now (if you have not already done so) suppose yourself in each station of a Parent & Child, & impartially consider all that pass'd between your good Father & yourself from the time of your Marriage until he forbid you his House, & then I cant doubt you will confess you have done

<sup>11</sup> Mary, the sister of Henry Laurens (born 1716) married in 1733 Nathaniel Gittens who failed in business and left Charles Town for the West Indies between 1744-1747 (Wallace, p. 10).

<sup>12</sup> Probably son of Stephen and Mary his wife (born April 28, 1714), married Mrs. Elizabeth Massey, July 31, 1736.

amiss in forsaking his House, his favours & his family to feed on husks, if you should think thus offer your Prayers to the Great & good God, (who is a boundless Ocean of mercy) to Pardon & forgive you, in which I shall not fail to join with you.

Since you left this Province, I have passed the greatest part of my time in London, under the Care of Mr. James Crockatt, Merchant there, & I return'd here the beginning of June Last with a handsome Cargo of Goods on my own Acc<sup>t</sup>. & am now settled in a Store on the Bay of Charles Town, upon my arrival I heard the melancholy Acc<sup>t</sup>. of the Death of our Dear Father only three Days before which most sensibly affected me, but as I well know his strict honesty & upright intentions, in Life, & am assur'd by our good Friend the Rev. M<sup>r</sup>. Garden, that he died in perfect peace & Charity with all men & yourself in particular, my Grief is greatly alleviated as I am persuaded he has exchange'd this, for a far happier state. I am the only acting Executor of my Father's Will, in which he has bequeathed you a small Legacy equal with his other Daughters, Viz<sup>t</sup>. Fifty pounds Currency each as he often declar'd before his Death that he has given them at & since their Marriage Their full proportion of his Estate.

Soon after my arrival here our Kinsman<sup>13</sup> M<sup>r</sup>. Peter Laurens also died so that our Family is now reduc'd to three, Viz. Sister Bremar, Brother James & myself, if you can come over here & add to the Number you may be assur'd (notwithstanding your present distress) of a sincere welcome & all the assistance in our power, they join with me in sincere wishes for your welfare, & I pray the good God, to deliver you from every Evil of Body & Mind & to sett you in the right Way to attain temporal & Eternal felicity.

When you receive this, omitt no opportunity of advising me fully of your situation & Circumstances that I may the better be enabled to send you what further relief may appear needfull. I salute you most affectionately, & am

Your Loving Brother—

P.S. If the enclosed Bill should not be duly paid, you must get it protested & return'd with the Protest to me that I may recover the amount here of the Drawer.

<sup>13</sup> Peter Laurens the cousin of Henry Laurens married Lydia the sister of Henry Laurens.



HENRY LAURENS TO MR. JAMES CROKATT. LONDON

10<sup>th</sup> July, 1747.

I wrote you the 24<sup>th</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup>. p. the Europa Capt. Wright 1<sup>st</sup> Copy of which is p. Contra to which referr, since arriv'd the Friendship Capt. Swetnam from London, but am without any your favours. Since my last I have purchasr<sup>d</sup> about £ 370 Sterling in Bills of Exchange most of which I shall now remitt to Sundry Persons & as I imagine all said Bills will be duly paid gives me a Prospect of Paying for my Cargo p. the Neptune in due time, and encourages me to write for another small Cargo the Particular Orders you have Inclosed, & I must beg the favour of your care to get them ship'd, you will observe I have wrote for few Winter Goods as I imagine 'tis now full Late, & I desire all the Woolens I have order'd may be Omitted in case you have not opportunity to Ship them in a Vessel which you are pretty sure will sail from England Clear, by the 1<sup>st</sup> November—'tis my desire they may be Ship'd in the first Vessel for this Port after rec<sup>t</sup>. of this, and I must further desire to Leave it wholly to your judgement whether to ship said Goods or not on my Acc<sup>t</sup>., as 'tis possible there may about that time be a propect of a sudden peace which I apprehend will make great alteration in oor Trade here. p. the Inclos'd orders you may observe I have sent Copys to severals as are there noted but have desir'd them all to follow your Instructions in Respect to getting the same ready for shipping. by this Conveyance I shall remitt five Bills of Exchange, James M<sup>c</sup>Kay on P. Fury, Esq<sup>r</sup>.<sup>14</sup> all dated 26<sup>th</sup> June, 1747 Payable to Hector Berenger De Beaufaine<sup>15</sup> or order & by him Properly endorsed to the Persons remitted to. Viz<sup>t</sup> One to Rogers & Dyson £ 20—one to Sam<sup>l</sup>. Wilson & Son £ 35—one to Sam<sup>l</sup>. Fouchett & Co. £ 40—one to Pomeroy & Streatfeate £ 55—one to Handley & Palmer £ 30—in all £ 180 Sterling—if said Bills are duly paid, please to get Receipts on my Acc<sup>t</sup>. for the Several Sums, I have wrote each of them in case said Bills should not be paid to advise with you about returning them, in which case be so kind as to do the best you can for my Interest. I

<sup>14</sup> Peregrine Fury was appointed Agent to the province in England in 1736 and his successor was appointed in 1749.

<sup>15</sup> Was collector of customs in Charles Town for twenty years. Beaufain St. was named after him. He died October 12, 1766, aged about 67 years.



now enclose you three first Bills of said Mc Kay on said Fury all of the same date (26<sup>th</sup> June 1747) two of them payable to said Beaufain or order for Sixty Pounds & Fifty Pounds Sterling, the Order payable to Lieut<sup>t</sup>. Col<sup>o</sup>. Alex<sup>r</sup>. Heron or Order for Fifty Pounds Sterling all Endors'd Payable to you, value of me, said Bills amounting to £ 160 Sterling, please to receive and pass to the credit of my acc<sup>t</sup>. & in case of non Payment do the needful for my Interest. I also inclose you a Second Affidavitt & Certificate of the Neptune, Bellegard, sailing under Convoy from England which may serve to recover the return Pmis in case the other should miscarry, & also a Certificate from Capt. Thomas Innes to W<sup>m</sup>. Best<sup>16</sup> for Piloting the Sloop of War Hind from the River St. Lawrence into the Harbour of Seven Islands & from said Harbour into said River again together with said Best's Bill of Sale for said Certificate for which I paid eight Pounds Ster'g & I am afraid that 'tis worth more as the Pilotage was in a difficult & obscure place, however, I question if the Commissioners of the Navy will allow more, please to receive what they will allow, & pass it to my Credit. W<sup>m</sup>. Best is now Master of the Aldborough Man of War & will go to England in her when she returns there. I am ashamed to be thus troublesome to you without Power to make it worth your while, however, that won't always be the case, as I hope the coming Crop to Ship considerably in the Produce of this Province, when I expect to make you amends.

I shall by every opportunity make what remittances I can & doubt not to put you fully in Cash to Pay for what is now unpaid of my late Cargo before it becomes due which I hope you'll please to do if any accident or disappointment should possibly prevent my making you sufficient remittances in time. I have presum'd thus far upon the Encouragement you were pleas'd to give me when I left London to which I hope you'll be pleas'd to impute this freedom. At present we have a good Prospect of large Crops of Indigo & tolerable Crop of Rice. this day arriv'd from Antigua the Planter Cap<sup>t</sup>. Lavers, the Alexander, Capt. Powel, & the—Cap<sup>t</sup>. M<sup>c</sup>. Neal, all Belonging to Bristol & are come to seek freight, what will be done with them I can't tell as here is at present neither

<sup>16</sup> The family of Innes was well known in Charles Town and a Capt. Thomas Innes was a friend of Henry Laurens but it is not known whether he was related to the captain of the Aldborough man-of-war.

Rice nor Naval Stores at Markett. Cap<sup>t</sup>. Lavers says that on the 4<sup>th</sup> ins<sup>t</sup>. he din'd on board the Adventure, Cap<sup>t</sup>. Hamar at Sea with Sundry Ships under his Convoy, 3 or 4 of them for this Port so we are hourly expecting their arrival if I am to be concerned in the Loading any of them (w<sup>ch</sup> you best know) please to make insurance as you may think sufficient to Secure my Interest. Rice is now at 40/ P 100. Pitch 50/ P bb. Tarr 40/ P bb. Turpentine 10/ P 100 Deer Skins 15/6. Exch<sup>a</sup>. 750 P c<sup>t</sup>. Below is a list of the Ships now ready to sail under Convoy of the Aldborough M:W: Cap<sup>t</sup>. Innes, & if the wind permits will sail tomorrow morning. The George Elms & Neptune Bellegarde well here but just beginning to load. I send you our latest Gazette P. this Bearer. I beg Leave to repeat my offers of Service, & Compliments to all your good family & am,

Very respectfully, Sir,  
y<sup>r</sup>. humble Serv<sup>t</sup>.

Ships ready to sail from Charles Town to be Convoy'd off the Coast by the Aldboro M. W.

Betsey Conachy for Leith	Magdalane M <sup>c</sup> Kenzie Leith
Landale for do.	
Concord — Young — for London	
Brown for do.	
Ann—Pearson—for do.	
Dragon—Sherbourn for do.	
Endeavour Purvis for Lisbon.	

HENRY LAURENS TO JAMES CROKATT, LONDON

7<sup>th</sup> October, 1747.

I wrote you the 18<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> August P. the Neptune Bellegard y 25 & 27 ditto & 2<sup>d</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup>. P. the Posbrooke S<sup>t</sup>. Bast—again 2<sup>d</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup>. P. Dantzirk Merchant Brown & the 8<sup>th</sup> ditto P. Rebecca Stonas to which refer. All said Ships sailed over the Bar the 11<sup>th</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup>. but the Dantzirk Merchant is returned, having been taken by a Privateer & retaken by the Adventure Man of War as yet we can't tell the fate of the others.

In mine of the 28<sup>th</sup> August I advis'd you to make Insurance on

Goods to be ship'd on the Loyal Judith Cowie for London a Sum Sufficient to Neat Two hundred Pounds Sterling on Acc<sup>t</sup>. of M<sup>r</sup>. Francis Bremar<sup>17</sup> & myself which I now repeat adding that she is just beginning to Load & will not Sail in this Month.

On the other side I send an Acc<sup>t</sup>. of all Letters wrote & remittances made by me since my arrival which may be serviceable to you in my little Concerns.

The Hope, Clutsome, from Bristol taken off the Barr ab<sup>t</sup>. 3 Weeks ago, the Captain with his Letters escap'd.

— Hill from London arrived off Port Royall 12 days ago M<sup>r</sup>. Jos. Wragg<sup>18</sup> without any papers came on Shoar.

Blackett & Fenwicke, Foot, off the Bar the 1<sup>st</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup>. Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Deas, Reid, Kennan, & M<sup>rs</sup>. Hume with all the Letters came on Shoar.

Kilbuse, Bromage, from Bristol arriv'd in 5 fathom Hole 3<sup>d</sup> ins<sup>t</sup>. a Violent Storm has detain'd her there ever since, & as it continues we are doubtful of her safety, & are in pain for the other two (Foot & Hill) at Sea. I have rec'd none your favours by any of those vessels. Thank M<sup>r</sup>. Charles for his of 31<sup>st</sup> July P. M<sup>r</sup>. Deas & shall repeat same to himself P. next.

Cap<sup>t</sup>. Leddale, of the Elliott Dead, she is not begun to load Campvere Packett Govan for Scotland will Sail next Week by which shall give you a more compleat list of Shipping, & at Present only add my best Wishes to all your good Family, & that I am very respectfully, Sir,

Your most Humb Servant,

P.S.

Susannah, Linthorn for Lisbon.

Brislington, Whitborn—Oporto.

in the Rhoad & will Sail tomorrow, or as soon as wind permits. Letter wrote by Henry Laurens to James Crockatt, Esq<sup>r</sup>, viz<sup>t</sup>: Date 1747 p. the 1<sup>st</sup> Copy p. 2<sup>d</sup>p. 3<sup>d</sup>p. 4<sup>th</sup>p.

<sup>17</sup> Francis Bremar married Martha the sister of Henry Laurens in 1739 (Wallace, appendix 111).

<sup>18</sup> Probably Joseph Wragg (died, 1751) a citizen of Charles Town of great wealth and owner of Wraggsborough. Then a suburb of Charles Town. The present streets John, Ann, Charlotte, Henrietta, Judith, Elizabeth and Mary, it is said, were named after his children (this Mag., vol. 18, p. 121).

3<sup>d</sup> June Tyber, Cromie Tryton, Buras Europa, Wright. Pos-  
brooke, St. Basc  
5<sup>th</sup> do Tryton, Buras Europa, Wright.  
24<sup>th</sup> do Europa, Wright, Concord, Young. Neptune, Bellegarde.  
10 July Concord, Young, James Ball. George Elmo. Neptune  
Bellegarde.  
11 do do Magdalen, McKensie, Ann Pearson,  
Patience Brown. Dragon Sherborn.  
14 do do James Ball. George Elms. Neptune  
Bellegarde.  
29 do James Ball. George Elms. Neptune Belgarde.  
31<sup>st</sup> do George Elms. Neptune Bellegarde.  
5 August. James Ball, George Elms. Caro<sup>a</sup>. Pack<sup>t</sup>. Keegwin.  
Bellegard Dantz't Merch't Brown. & as mentioned  
in the foregoing Letter.

Europa Wright taken off Virginia. Capt. Wright fought the  
Privateer bravely but at length was killed & then the Ship sur-  
rendered.

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Remittances made by Henry Laurens at Charles Town in  
South Carolina to sundry in London since 3<sup>d</sup> June, 1747.

To Sam Wilson & Son, p. Concord, Young, McKay's bill on  
Fury

	Sterling
2. p. James Ball & 3 <sup>d</sup> p. Neptune Bellegarde.	35
Sam Touchett & Co. McKay's Bill on Fury 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>d</sup> & 3 <sup>d</sup> . p. same conveyances as above	40
Pomeroy & Streatfeald	
McKay's Bill on Fury 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>d</sup> . & 3 <sup>d</sup> . p. same	55
Handley & Palmer, McKay's Bill on Fury 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>d</sup> , & 3 <sup>d</sup>	
p. same	30
Rogers & Dyson, McKay's Bill on Fury, 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>d</sup> , 3 <sup>d</sup> p. same	20
	£180

James Crokatt, 4 second Bills Horton on Mariott p. Tyber  
Cromie.

3<sup>d</sup> p. Tryton Burrows—1<sup>st</sup> were described to me in a Letter.

12 March from John Laurens p. the Fame Thompson.

3. first Bills McKay on Fury p. the Concord Young.

£60.50 & £50. 2 <sup>d</sup> Bills p. Ball—3 <sup>d</sup> p. Bellegard 160— Pilot Certificate, Capt. Thomas Innes to W <sup>m</sup> . Best.		
1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>d</sup> , & 3 <sup>d</sup> . P. same as above —————	8	
1 <sup>st</sup> , Bill P. Posbrooke, S <sup>t</sup> . Barb—S <sup>t</sup> . Barb on Rick- man.		
2 <sup>d</sup> . P. Bellegard 3 <sup>d</sup> . P. Brown	58	
(P. Posbrooke, Georgia Bills 1 <sup>st</sup> Certificate P. Bellegard	21	447.8.2
p <sup>r</sup> . the Posbrooke		
140B <sup>s</sup> . Rice—25 B <sup>s</sup> . Pitch—30 Bar <sup>s</sup> . Turpentine Amo <sup>t</sup> .		£1547.15.8
p. Invoice.		
4 Hogshds. Skins Amo <sup>t</sup> . p. Invoice £1585. on Acco <sup>t</sup> . of Francis Bremar & myself—my half p.		792.10
	£	2340.5-8
7 October 1747	St.L.	

HENRY LAURENS TO THE REV<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. ST. JOHN,<sup>19</sup> PORT ROYAL

11 November 1747.

Yesterday I was favour'd with yours of the 7th & 'tis with pleasure I observe you are safely arriv'd at Port Royal & there settled so much to your Satisfaction; on which & the favourable Reception from your Parishoners, I beg Leave to congratulate you.

I think (with you) the addition they have made to your salary is very Genteel & doubt not but your conduct with them will compleatly deserve it.

If I did not persuafe myself that I can give you no hint in such a case but what you are aware of, I would say that the people in this Province are generally very fickle, especially in respect to Governours, Spiritual or Temporal, soon pleas'd & soon disgusted.

You have made an odd beginning in chaining the Sexes together for Life & tho' I thank you for your kind Wish of doing the same favour to certain persons & so kindly interesting yourself in the success of one of the Parties, yet I must hope you don't

<sup>19</sup> Rev. Richard St. John, A.M. rector of St. Helena's Parish (1747-1751) Came from the Bahama Islands and left because of his health (Dalcho's Church of South Carolina, p. 379).

mean immediately after such Leaders indeed I should rather put off a happy day to a Month Longer, hoping that something more natural in the meantime, would happen.

I should without reserve in great pleasure be accountable to you for all my proceeding in that affair if I had made any further steps; but things are now in the same Situation as when you Left Charles Town, & will remain so for some Time at least, as I intend soon on a Journey to Cape Fear, determine to defer another attempt till my return from thence, when (if my present Courage continues) I will make one Tryal more, upon a new plan, & I hope with better success than the first—this Subject stands chargeable for the Scratches in my Letter.

The Nancy Gold arriv'd Last Week from London, but I can find no Letters for you. by advice of the 8<sup>th</sup> September Bergen-op-Zoom still held out, but a report is spread of its Surrender, by a Vessel arriv'd from Lisbon but believe 'tis without foundation. Herewith I forward you three Late English Papers & if I can collect the Magazines for July & August (which I have Lent out) in time, will send them also for your perusal, if not by the next conveyance you may expect them.

I return thanks for your care in forwarding the Letters of Advice to D<sup>r</sup>. Bearcroft, which are all come to hand safely, & in good time.

A Line from you now & then at your Leisure I shall return as a particular favour, & if I can be any way serviceable to you here, please to favour me with your Commands freely.

I sincerely wish you a Continuance of health & perfect Satisfaction in your new Settlement, & am very respectfully,

Dear Sir

Your most humble Servant.

HENRY LAURENS TO ELIZ<sup>th</sup>. LAURENS,<sup>20</sup> TO THE CARE OF THO<sup>s</sup>.  
CORBETT, ESQ. CHA<sup>s</sup>. TOWN

London 26 Decem. 1748.

Madam.

I had the pleasure of writing to you the 16<sup>th</sup> ins<sup>t</sup>. in which I told you the particulars of my arrival & was pretty full on my second

<sup>20</sup> Mrs. Elizabeth Laurens (born Wicking) second wife of John Laurens father of Henry Laurens married July 3, 1742 (Wallace, appendix 111).

disappointment with M<sup>r</sup>. Crokatt since which nothing remarkable has happened me. I shall go out of Town for Liverpool & Bristol on Thursday next, & the next day I hope to see M<sup>r</sup>. Mellichamp who has given me an invitation to his house & promis'd to provide me a Horse for pursuing my Journey. I have given orders to get all the articles M<sup>rs</sup>. Norrigatt desir'd me to send her, but as I am so soon going into the Country they can't be ship'd till my return which will be about 20<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup>. afterward they shall be forwarded by the first Vessel. My last Letter to you was put under Cover to M<sup>r</sup>. Corbett to whom I sent the Gent<sup>l</sup>. Magazine & some News Papers which I hope will come safe to hand. Please to make my Compliments to M<sup>rs</sup>. & M<sup>r</sup>. Corbett & I wish you all the Compl<sup>ts</sup>. of the Season & as Merry a Christmas as I have which truly is only a Cheerful & Contented Mind & but for that 'twould be the dullest I ever knew. When I return to London shall treat you with a long Letter & soon follow it. At present please to accept my only adding that I am very respectfully Madam

Your oblig'd & Dutifull Son,

HENRY LAURENS TO EBENEZER HOLMES<sup>21</sup> BOSTON

London 4<sup>th</sup> April, 1749.

Dear Sir:

My last to you was from Cha<sup>s</sup>. Town in South Carolina p. M<sup>r</sup>. Ladson, by whom I remitted you twelve Pounds that Currency received on your Acc<sup>t</sup>. which I hope got safe to your Hands. This is the second voyage I have made to London in expectation of settling in a Copartnership herewith M<sup>r</sup>. James Crokatt & I am a second time disappointed & am now returning to Carolina in order to fix here where I shall be glad to hear from you & to have an opportunity to render your good self or friends any services in my Power. . I shall embark in the Fortrose M<sup>o</sup>Kenzie tomorrow or next day.

By this bearer Cap<sup>t</sup> Clark I make good my old promise & send you a pair of purple slippers which I had made to the Size of my own & hope they will fit you, & herewith I inclose the Gentleman's & London Magazines for Last Month to which I beg leave to refer

<sup>21</sup> Ebenezer Holmes of Boston, a great friend of the writer.

you for Publick News & being at present Streightened for time can only add that I am

Very respectfully

The Slippers are seal'd in a Paper Bundle Mark'd E. H. directed to M<sup>r</sup>. Ebenezer Holmes, March<sup>t</sup>. in Boston, & left at M<sup>r</sup>. John Tomlinson's to be deliver'd to the Cap<sup>t</sup>.

FIRM LETTER TO JAMES COWLES, BRISTOL

4<sup>th</sup> July 1755.

Sir

After confirming the foregoing copy of our last p. Capt. White, We must acknowledge the receipt of your favour of the 10<sup>th</sup> May of the Live Oak, are glad to see Cap<sup>t</sup>. Copithorn was arriv'd safe with you & that you had so good a prospect of the State of the Skins by him but you would find them upon opening only so so, the thinnest parcel we have Ship'd you for many a day but the best we were able to get, by what we hear from our Neighbours of the prices their untrim'd Skins have sold for (viz) when the trim'd ones sold for 3/3 & now 3/2 when the trim'd sell at 3/5 which is but 3<sup>d</sup> p<sup>l</sup>. difference we think we are losers by trimming many sorts of Skins particularly the Winter Cherokees from which we generally crop 16 to 18 pc<sup>t</sup>. Be pleased to look into this, and give us your opinion whether to go on or to desist, the Skins we have now bought are at 13/6 p.<sup>1</sup> one of our Neighbours topd that price upon us when we had in a manner agreed for 13/. We think the two Casks of Indigo at Col<sup>o</sup>. Hyrne's are well sold. We hope you have got off the others before this as our expectations of a large Crop the present Year within all probability give a Damp to the Market as soon as it shall reach you.

If the White Plains<sup>22</sup> shall continue so dear as they were last Year the fewer come 'twill be the more agreeable, tho' if a War should take place it must be an advantage to have such staple articles out before they are clogd with so high an Insurance as we may reasonably expect. We are as attentive as possible to get you all the Skins we can but 'tis not in our power to obtain a quarter part so many as we could wish for. Patrick Brown who was at the head

<sup>22</sup> A kind of woolen cloth used generally in South Carolina up to 1860 as clothing for negroes.



of that Comp<sup>y</sup>. that consign to M<sup>r</sup>. Rock was buried the night before last, the rest of the Comp<sup>y</sup>. we are told are about to seprate, which will very probably carry the bulk of the Creek Trade to Georgia, as none of our People who have abillitys to carry on that Trade think it worth the Trouble & Risque, this late Comp<sup>y</sup>. two or three of them was always in the Nation to make the most of their Affairs & by it they must have made money which is not to be done by sending People abroad to trade for you unless better men could be found for the purpose than are at present. We are,

FIRM LETTER TO DEVONSHEIR REEVE & LLOYD BRISTOL

4<sup>th</sup> July, 1755.

Gentlemen

We wrote you pretty fully under the 21<sup>st</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup>. ꝑ. Cap<sup>t</sup>. Simmons for Cowes & Cap<sup>t</sup>. White for London carried a Copy of it with the last came also a few Lines of the 30<sup>th</sup> of which the above is Copy, Cap<sup>t</sup>. Rogers of the Live Oak on the first Inst. deliver'd us your kind favour of the 9<sup>th</sup> May now before us, are glad to see Copithorn was safe arriv'd he gave us some pain least a War should take place before he got home, we having not wrote more than two Letters for Insurance on him, we have reason to believe the Skins by him have come to hand at a good time, as we see some trim'd Skins were sold before Rogers sail'd at 3/5 & some untrim'd as high as 3/2 which has put some of our Neighbours upon raising the price on this side & oblig'd us to pay 13/6 for such as we have receiv'd latterly. We wish they may stop there. We have examined your Sales of the 2 hhds. p. Fell & finding right have noted £ 81/8/6 half the N Pro. so your debit in your other Sales of 4 hhds ꝑ. Live Oak there appears to us to be an error of £4.17 ꝑ. overpaid in the dutys, you say paid duty on 2514 Skins when the Quantity was no more than 2190. The difference is 324 if we are right by charging half that Amount to your debit our moiety of N Proceed will be £ 153.2.4 S<sup>rs</sup>. which please to look into & if we shall be wrong set us to rights, two days ago died Patrick Brown who was at the head of that Comp<sup>y</sup>. that consign Skins to M<sup>r</sup>. Rock. We hear the others are going to seprate which may possibly give us a Chance of buying more Skins than we have been able to do latterly, as they monopolized 3/4ths of all that were taken in the Creek &

Chickasaw Nations, however, this wont be the case the present Summer, they have now a pretty large quantity reserv'd for a Brig<sup>t</sup>. of M<sup>r</sup>. Rock's that is expected to arrive in a week or ten days.

We are very glad to hear the C<sup>ra</sup>. of Satterthwaite were likely to bring the Assignees to some Account soon as we really think it high time. We have before inform'd you of the Emperor being forced up our Coast & selling at Jamaica. We are of opinion that mishap alone will be £2000 Sterling out of the way of the owners. We mean that his Slaves would have yielded so much more here than there but 'tis fruitless to think of what can't be remedied. We will call her a very unlucky Ship to the concerned. We are sorry to see there is so great a probability of a War, 'twill turn things upside down, but we have the satisfaction to think a War now cannot affect this Country a Quarter part so much as the last did, every one now can make Indigo when their necessitys drive them to it & in the former they had nothing to depend upon but Rice, which after made would not defray the Expence of cleaning.

We would ship Pitch & Tar on the Pearl in preference to Rice could we get it from the information you give us of Naval Stores rising but Pitch or Tar is not to be bought just now. We have the promise of several parcells of the former in a month or five Weeks but it can't be worth while to detain the Ship so long especially as the Season draws near that the N. E. winds prevail. We are very thankful to you for your opinion of Indigo of the growth of this Year, our Planters from the prices, it has borne this Spring on your side will ask a great Price of the Purchasers which we dare say some will agree to as we are told some now order a mill'd Dollar<sup>23</sup> the Pound for whole Crops. We will agree that we were out in our Polliticks in not buying Indigo this last Season, you to be sure gave us an unlimited power to purchase but we have two or three orders from other hands which limited us to a Dollar for the best, this was the Sum M<sup>r</sup>. Manigault-Eveleigh & some others had determin'd not to exceed had we extended this for you & fail'd, we should never have forgiven ourselves, Who are

<sup>23</sup> A milled dollar was stamped with a machine and not hammered. "The milling" consisted of the grooving or fluting of the coin so as to prevent its being clipped and made it of course more valuable.

FIRM LETTER TO JOHN KNIGHT & C<sup>o</sup>. OWNERS OF THE ORREL,  
LIVERPOOLE

26<sup>th</sup> August, 1755.

Gentlemen.

We have advis'd you through our good friend, M<sup>r</sup>. Knight that we have been expecting the arrival of the Orrel from S<sup>t</sup>. Kitts for some days past, have now the pleasure to inform you she is got safe into our Rhoad & bring 133 Slaves the Priviledges included, the Men which are about half the number appear to be pretty good, the Women but midling. We can't tell you the exact number of each denomination, Cap<sup>t</sup>. Bennet we believe will muster them & give you the particulars by this Ship as he is appriz'd of her Sailing. We have advertised the Sale for Fryday the 15<sup>th</sup> of next month being as early as we are permitted to sell, are in hopes we shall be able to give you an agreeable account of them which are in no doubt of if nothing material shall intervene. We cant yet ascertain the value of Goods we may Ship for you in the Orrel, would recommend that you insure 1000 or £ 1200 Stl<sup>g</sup>., the premium to be returned if there shall be any difference. We shall hurry her away with all dispatch. We are

HENRY LAURENS TO STEVENSON & LAIRD, PORT GLASGOW

Gentlemen

Since I wrote to you on the 29<sup>th</sup> Feby p. Capt. Mitchell & Floyd I have not been able to sell a single dozen of your Wine called Burgundy—The Quality of it does by no means answer your discription nor the Acct<sup>s</sup>. that I had given of it from yours and the Gentlemen who came to taste it, expressed much dissatisfaction & said I was surely bantering to call that Wine Burgundy—it is not fine nor bright, tis ropy & has a hardness upon the palate that is very disagreeable—& being inferior is dispised—here where we have for some years past drank Madeira<sup>24</sup> Vidonia, Fagal, Lisbon, Oporto & other Wines at less than prime Cost & charges—had it been fine burgundy or nearly deserving that Character here are a few people who would nevertheless have catched it up at almost any price—I shall advertise it once more under the name you give

<sup>24</sup> Among this list of wines Madeira became celebrated under the name of Carolina Madeira in England and America.

it (tho' it is pretty well known) & if in a few weeks that does not produce me a sale upon terms near to the Cost I shall think it for your Interest to obtain the best price I can for it & make an end of the Sale of which you shall be duly advised—meantime I continue to be with great regard—

Gentlemen

Yours &c. (Undated.)

HENRY LAURENS TO GEORGE APPLEBY, LIVERPOOLE

9 Novem. 1764.

I have a long unfinished Letter lying by me intended for you but from many causes, I should certainly have let these Vessels slip too without making an end of that or writing any other to you or to my other worthy friend & friends in Liverpoole if your sundry favours p. Capt. Dennison had not reached & roused me tonight—for tho', this you say, is to be your Jubilee Year, & God grant all your Years may be such until they join & are lost in eternal joys—yet to me it has prov'd a Year of affliction, a Dead eldest Daughter, a sick Summer—a Sick & dying Wife—a dying Capt. Courtin—a dead John Coming Ball,<sup>25</sup> my best friend & best Overseer—hands full of business without the most able assistants have all conspired to try me until notwithstanding those fricas of which you know I can be sometimes guilty—I have lately from experience pronounc'd myself a Man of great patience & as good a Man as any in this Country—Mr. Manigault<sup>26</sup> confirmed my claim by saying—why so you are—but whither am I wandering to try your patience too & make my head ache—'tis now near midnight the Vessels in the Road & to sail with the dawn tomorrow—Let me then tell you a little of business—but first say I must Copy this Letter myself to night—The Affairs of the Knight shall be duly attended to & 'tis ten to one that she gets away a first Ship for Oporto.

The first new Rice came down today to our Moderate friend the Late Speaker he asks only 50/ a hundred for it—if he'd shew me a whole fine Cargo I would come very near him. The Austin does not yet appear—I will always strain hard to serve Mr. Knight &

<sup>25</sup> John Coming Ball (born 1714, died 1764) the brother of the wife of Henry Laurens.

<sup>26</sup> Probably Gabriel Manigault reputed to be the richest man in the province.

Mr. Appleby but upon trial I would not do injustice for either of them—for I know they would despise me if I did—but when they have an honest preference I wont throw it aside to oblige any body.

About three Hundred pounds St<sup>r</sup>. Value lies in my desk of your Money & the Sterling has been laying many Months in England it shall go hard with me if I don't send your Exchange next Week, my having the Money will be no great consolation to you if you want it—pray excuse me to Mr. Knight—if he and you could see exactly my situation you would pity me—but extremes are not lasting—be Wary & cautious in your order to Guinea men for Carolina next Summer—but order them to me if any comes—I'll put them upon the best terms into the best hands this Country affords—if I am in the Country which is now some doubt with me but will be none if it pleases God to deprive me of your friend Mr<sup>s</sup>. Laurens who has been long in danger & tho' much better now—is still in a precarious state<sup>27</sup>—Jacky, Patty & Harry are well & our little spot is a paradise but we the inhabitants are mortals—

You see I can't help writing a long Letter to you, 'tis as if I spun out a dull tale to keep you another pipe—what a compound of Gravity & Levity is here 'tis a midnight medly from a buz at each ear—but farewell Dear Sir, I am your sincere friend—

FIRM LETTER TO WELLS WHARTON & DORAN, ST. CHRISTOPHERS

27<sup>th</sup> May, 1755

Your kind favour of the 28<sup>th</sup> Decem. now before us did not reach us till 14<sup>th</sup> March, from which time we have had no opportunity of replying to it. We are sorry Capt. Raite in the Earl of Radnor brought down so sickly a cargo that you could not Venture to Stop her at so low a limit as £ 21 P head, from this We conclude that she must have made the Gentlemen concern'd but a bad Voyage; are glad She did not come here as a Sickly Cargo from Callabar at that Season of the Year especially would have mov'd very heavily & very probably have been order'd a long Quarantine; had they been healthy & in good flesh we shou'd have been glad to have seen her as

<sup>27</sup> Afterwards Col. John Laurens, Martha, the third wife of David Ramsay the Historian, and Henry Laurens, Jr., who married the daughter of John Rutledge.

there never was a better opening for a Cargo of Calabar Slaves than in the Months of Octo<sup>r</sup>. & Novem<sup>r</sup>. last owing to a Number of Small Indigo Planters finding a ready Sale for their Crops a 32/6 to 35/p<sup>1</sup>. which brought them in such large Sums they were all mad for more Negroes, & gave for very ordinary Calabar Men £ 250 Cash; Our Imports this Year hitherto have been very Small none yet Sold but a few small Parcels from Bardadoes and a little Cargo of about 70 in a Sloop of Rhode Island Capt Godfrey from Gambia; a few of the fine Men sold so high as £ 200 or £ 40 Sterling but our People will not Currently give that Price, they seem very content to give £ 260 for Men & a large Number would this day sell at that rate. We have two from Africa now under Quarantine on Acc<sup>t</sup>. of the Small Pox, one of them a Sloop of New York Griffith Master with abo<sup>t</sup>. 40 Slaves from Gambia, the other the Matilda of Bristol from Calabar with 190, these we apprehend cant be sold this Month or two; many more Vessells are expected, but if a Warr with France<sup>28</sup> should take place which we seem to be at the Eve of we presume most of them will stop in the West Indies such an Event would give a sudden check to the Rice Planters but not at all to those who go upon Indigo, so that we judge we may have vend for abo<sup>t</sup>. half the Number in time of Warr that we have in Peace say from 12 to 1500 P Annum; We are sorry Capt. Darbyshire's Tender brought no more than 60 Slaves as our Good Friend Mr. Knight promis'd himself 100 by her, but Mr. Furnell advises us from Jamaica that he made a great sale of Darbyshire's Cargo sold abo<sup>t</sup>. 350 Slaves at upwards of £ 46 P head that money which we think must make up for the deficiency of the other; We were empower'd to order down here 100 of the Prime Men out of Darbyshire's Cargo, but did not chuse to do it, being of Opinion we could not for those Slaves exceed the Prices at Jamaica, Our People like the Gambia & Windward coast full as well or the Angola Men such as are large.

The Contracts we enter into for Slaves is to load the Ship w<sup>th</sup> Produce when it can be had to pay coast Commission & Half Wages to remit the remainder as Payments shall grow due; which makes that Business sufficiently heavy in this Country for in our small Business where we would not out of Choice receive above 700 Slaves P Annum we are often in advance more than £ 10,000

<sup>28</sup> The war broke out and involved both Europe and America, beginning in 1757 and terminating with the peace of Paris in 1763.

Sterling we have hitherto always Balanc'd our Acc<sup>a</sup>. by the Month of March succeeding the Sale, but 'tis not to be done without a large advance of Money, indeed for this we have an Interest of 8  $\frac{1}{2}$  c. We have for 4 or 5 years past had so great a Plenty of Bills that we have been at very little loss at any time to Gratify our Friends with a Remittance therein.

We are extremely oblig'd to you for the enquiry you made of Capt. Corruthers relateing to the Emperor Capt. Gwin we are in hopes from the Information he gave you that the Ship was arriv'd at Milimba but are willing to hope that some other parts of his account were eronious, for if he had 200 Slaves on board when the Jesse came away 'tis high time he was arriv'd in Some part of America which we can't learn he is; if it be true that he wou'd not be able to purchase more than 350 Slaves shou'd he bring them all in Well we shall make a most tatter'd Voya, as the cost of her Cargo and outsett was upwards of £ 7100 Sterling, the African trade is more liable to such Accidents than any other we know of so it highly concerns such as become adventurers in that branch to fortify themselves against every disappointment that the trade is Incident to; the Capt. is infatuated to that Ship which we think a good deal too large for the times at present but we don't care to give him the Mortification of Withdrawing our Concern.

Tho our Crops last year were large the Country is become well drain'd of its Produce, a little Rice Remains in some hands the price of it 40 PC<sup>t</sup>. the Produce of your Islands is a mighty dull poor Sale & as far as we are able to judge no signs of growing better soon unless a sudden Warr shou'd make an alteration in the present System, We have too many Tradeing Men here in proportion to the business of the Country which we believe is pretty much the case in all other the British settlements. We can only assure you that if you think at any time it may be in our Power to serve you we shall with great chearfullness attempt it being with great respect & Esteem Gentlemen y<sup>r</sup>. most Obed<sup>t</sup>. Serv<sup>t</sup>.

FIRM LETTER TO SMITH & CLIFTON, S<sup>t</sup>. CHRISTOPHERS

Gent<sup>n</sup>.

We have before us your kind favour of the 2<sup>d</sup> Curr<sup>t</sup>. P Capt. Dickinson & we wish you great success in the Mercantile business during your Copartnership, if we can contribute to it by recom-



mending anything from this that may be worth your acceptance shall do it with great pleasure as you seem to think Rice shall maintain a tolerable price with you during this Year we used our endeavours to send you some by this Vessel but could not be admitted. We understand she Loads the effects of Mr. Cohone who is a good hand to keep up the price with you, as she brings a pretty large quantity we dont think it would be prudent for us to take up a Vessel as nothing can be now had to ship your way besides Rice, a full Cargo of which we suppose would be too much for you.

We thank you for the care of our Letters to the Gent<sup>n</sup>. in your Neighbourhood & your intention of delivering that to the Cap<sup>t</sup>. of the Pearl immediately on her arrival, it would have given us great pleasure to have heard through Cap<sup>t</sup>. Rice how he left that Vessel as she has been out on the Voyage now near 12 months, from this we might have found some judgment of the Emperor Capt. Gwynn a Ship we are largely concern'd in. She sail'd from Cork for Matimba the 31st of July & we can get no tidings of her further than that she had a short Passage to Angola. She had a cargo out largely calculated for the purchase of 570 Slaves & we are told that one Capt. Carruthers of the Tesse that touch'd at your place in his way to Jamaica should say that Gwynn would not be able to purchase more than 350 at which rate she must make but a ragged Voyage, her Cargo & Outset was above £ 7000 Sterling, was she to appear soon the prices with us might be some help as Slaves just now would sell very well. We have two Guinea Vessels now in Port & both under a Quarantine for the small Pox, so they wont be allow'd to sell in less than a month or two, between them they have not more than 240 Slaves which are but a trifle to the number wanted, could you have sent 60 or 70 fine Slaves in Comp<sup>a</sup>. with Mr. Crooke as you propos'd. We think we must have rendered an agreeable Account of them but we cannot promise that will be the case a while hence as 'tis impossible to judge what number may arrive with us this Summer. If we see two or three months hence that our Imports are but small it may be worth while to take a share with you in one or two hundred to be here in the month of October & November, our Common method of selling Slaves, arrive at what time they will is for payment in January or March following, if they are a very fine Parcel Purchasers often appear



that will produce the ready Money in order to command a preference. The engagements we enter into in the Slave Trade are these, to Load the Ship with such Produce as can be got, pay the Coast (page torn here) & mens half Wages & to remit the remainder, as the payment (page torn here) due. We Sold three Cargo's last Year after the first of July & every Shilling was remitted for them by the 18<sup>th</sup> March & every preceding Year has been much the same, all our Remittances hitherto but Trifles have been Bills of Exchange at 30 or 40 Days sight, an entire parcel of fine Negroes must enable us to remit quicker than we can for a cargo w<sup>ch</sup> consists of a mixture of all sorts & sizes, for the ordinary & small Slaves we must sell on such Terms of payment as we can, those which are prime enable us to pick our Customers, at some Times of the Year we can advance for our Friends without any inconveniency, at others when we have large orders for Products it is very inconvenient as our Planters produce such as is fine always commands Cash down, thus we have given you the best Account we can of our African Business if at any time you should be disposed to try it be assur'd it shall be our endeavour to give you satisfaction.

We were not aware of the difficulties have attended the getting down our Rice from Antigua or should not have given you that trouble, Cap<sup>t</sup>. Gilbert assured us the Expence would be a mere trifle & that opportunities would present two or three times a week. We apprehend we shall hereafter Ship for the West Indies very little of any Corn & Pease as the most of our Planters now make use of the Lands they have heretofore planted with that Grain for the culture of Indigo which Pays them much better.

The Rum you have sent us P Dickinson would not sell for above 12/ or 13/6 were we oblig'd to sell directly which would not pay the Cost & Charges; as to Melasses the Consumpt with us is mighty trivial 30 or 40 Hogshds would suffice for a whole year that 'tis an article we can by no means recommend to you; we would not have you harbour a thought that we would refuse a Commission of that Sort 'tis no otherwise disagreeable then that we see it Manifest. Our Friends must Suffer in anything they can at Present, Send here Slaves and such as are prime only Excepted.

We cannot recommend to you to Send the Ship Sarah to this Place this Summer our Country is so well drayn'd of the Produce that we are certain nothing can be got on freight for Europe worth

Acceptance if you find it worth while to Send her for a Lumber Cargo please to rely on our Endeavours to do the best we can for you. Shou'd she come down towards the Month of October we may possible then be able to engage a fr<sup>t</sup>. to Sail towards the Month of Decem<sup>r</sup>. but please to note we have rarely a Ship taken up for Bristol—those who are (page torn here) must go for Portugal Cowes & a markett or London except by (page torn here) mere chance a fr<sup>t</sup>. may be got to some of the Out-Ports if she Comes down the most certain Article we can recommend to be sent by her is a few fine Negro Men (not Callabars). We dont know how things are just now in Jamaica be they as they will there may be Strange alterations before the Sarah can return; which is the fullest & best reply we are able to give to your favour before us Who are with the utmost respect

In case you shou'd have anything to ship to us  
please to give Capt. Dickinson the Preference.

*(To be continued)*

## THE FAMILY OF THE FIRST LANDGRAVE THOMAS SMITH

By A. S. SALLEY, Jr.

Thomas Smith, who subsequently became one of the landgraves of Carolina and governor of South Carolina, arrived in South Carolina about the 20th of June, 1684, and registered in the office of the Secretary of the province on the 10th of July, 1684.<sup>1</sup> With him were Barbara, his wife, Thomas and George Smith, his sons, and Mrs. Joan Atkins, Joanna Atkins, Ellen Atkins, Aaron Atkins, Mrs. Mary Atkins, Matthew Crosse, Michael Pierce and Elizabeth and Phyllis Adams, making thirteen persons in all for whom Thomas Smith received a grant of 650 acres of land as a concession for coming to Carolina and settling.<sup>2</sup> The following wills, which are

<sup>1</sup> Although the concessions of the Lords Proprietors specified that settlers must enter their names in the office of the Secretary of the province within twenty days after arriving in the province in order to obtain the bounty lands it would seem that Thomas Smith must have taken a margin on that time, for by a deed dated June 20, 1684, Benjamin Waring "of Warrington fiort nere the Ponds in the County of Berkeley in the Province of Carolina merchant", conveyed to "Joan Atkins of Charles Towne in the Sd County of Berkley widdow", in consideration of £100. sterling, "All those his sixteene hundred Acres of land scituate & beinge near the Ponds in the County of Berkley aforesd and the fiort called Warrington fiort and all other the houses Edifices & buildings thereon". Thomas Smith, Barbara Smith and Robert Hull, witnesses. (Register's records, book 1682-1691, 117-119, in the office of Historical Commission of South Carolina, Columbia.)

<sup>2</sup> *Warrants for Lands in South Carolina, 1680-1692*, 166. The following transfer of this warrant is recorded in the records of the Court of Ordinary of South Carolina, 1672-1692, page 203 (in the office of Historical Commission of South Carolina, Columbia):

Know all men by these p'sents That I Thomas Smith gent for divers good and valuable Consideracons me thereunto Moveing have by these p'sents assigned Transferred and settover and by these p'sents doe assigne Transfere and sett Over unto William Sallmon gent Doctor of Physicke all my right Tytle and Clayme to Six hundred and fifty Acres of Land due to me for the rights of the Severall  $\text{\textcircled{P}}$ sons in a warr<sup>tt</sup> Dated ye 13<sup>th</sup>. January 1684/5 To have & to

on record in a volume of records of the court of ordinary of the province of South Carolina for the years 1672-1692, lodged in the office of Historical Commission of South Carolina at Columbia, show that the five Atkins persons were immediate relatives of Thomas Smith. A later record shows that Elizabeth and Phylis Adams were servant girls.<sup>3</sup> The status of Pierce and Crosse has not yet been shown.

Memord<sup>m</sup> that on the Eleaventh day of July in the yeare of our Lord God One Thousand six hundred eighty & fflower, I Joan Atkins of Charles Towne in the province of Carolina widow being of a sound minde doe make this my last Will and Testament in forme following; Impims I give and bequeath unto my Two Daughters Joana Atkins and Ellen Atkins all my goods Chattles, Bills bonds Creditts whatsoever and wheresoever the be to bee equally shared and Distributed betweene them togeather with all my plate and money excepting onely these Legacies following (vizt) I give & bequeath to my Two Grand Children Thomas Smith and George Smith to each of them the sume of Ten pounds, alsoe I appoynt my said sonne Thomas Smith Exec<sup>r</sup> of this my last Will and Testam<sup>t</sup> but if it please God that my said sone Thomas Smith decease before this my last Will bee proved Then I appoynt my aboves<sup>d</sup> Daughter Joanna Atkins to bee sole Exec<sup>r</sup>x of this my last Will and Testam<sup>t</sup> In Witnesse whereof I hereunto putt my hand and Seale the daye and yeare above written

In the p<sup>s</sup>ence and sight of

her mark

Thomas Barnett

Joan Atkins (seale)

John Gwin

James Gilbertson,

Memorand the above menconed Thomas Barnett & James Gilbertson being men of good repute and ffame appeared before me this

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hold y<sup>e</sup> same as full and Amply as I might or Could Doe Witnesse my hand & Seale y<sup>e</sup> the 12<sup>th</sup> March 1686/7

Teste

Tho: Smith (Seale)

Jn<sup>o</sup>: Shelton

Notwithstanding this transfer another warrant was issued to Thomas Smith December 2, 1694, for 640 acres of land for arrival rights of the same persons. (*Warrants for Lands in South Carolina, 1692-1711, 79.*)

<sup>3</sup> See this *Magazine*, XXII, 60-64.

16 Septemb<sup>r</sup> 1684 and tooke theire Oathes upon the holy Evangelists that they did see y<sup>e</sup> above menconed Joan Atkins signe seale publish & declare and owne the above writeing to bee her last Will & Testam<sup>t</sup> & that shee was att y<sup>e</sup> doeing thereof sound & p<sup>er</sup>fect memory

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Joseph West<sup>4</sup>

Carolina ss/

In the name of God Amen I Aaron Atkins of Charles Towne in the province of Carolina being of a Weake body but of a sound mind Doe make this my last Will & Teatment in forme and manner followeing

Imprms I give and bequeath to my brother John Atkins the sume of fferty Shillings Item I Give to my three neices the Daughters of the said John Atkins (vizt) Rabeckah Atkins, Mary Atkins, & Joanna Atkins to each of them the sume of Twenty Shillings Item I give to my Sister Joanna Atkins the sume of fferty Shillings, Item I give to my brother in Law M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Smith the sume of ffive pounds Item to my Two nephewes Thomas and George the Sons of the said Thomas Smith to each of them the sume of Twenty shillings Item I give unto M<sup>r</sup> John Gwin of Charles Towne the sume of fferty Shillings all which abovesaid Legacyes my Will is that they bee paid thus (vizt) those that are to bee paid in Carolina shall bee paid in the space of One Month after my Decease, those in England shall bee paid as soone as oppertunity offers, finally I give and bequeath unto my beloved Wife Mary Atkins (whom I Comitt to the ptection of allmighty God) all my money, Goods, Chattles, Bonds, Bills bargaines, Creditts whatsoever and where-soever they bee, whom alsoe I make and appoint the sole Exec<sup>r</sup> of this my last Will and Testam<sup>t</sup> alsoe I earnestly request the abovesaid Tho: Smith my Deare brother and John Gwin my kind neighb<sup>r</sup> to Councell advise direct & assist my surviveing wife in

<sup>4</sup> Records of the Court of Ordinary of South Carolina, 1672-1692, 237. (Office of Historical Commission of South Carolina, Columbia).

all her affaires of Difficulty In wnesse whereof I have hereunto  
putt my hand & seale this first day of septembr

Anno Dom 1684

Signed Sealed & Delivered  
in the p<sup>r</sup>sence of/

his marke

Aaron **A** Atkins ⊕

Thomas Berwicke

Septembr y<sup>e</sup> 17: 1684

Richard Stiffe

/ Memorand y<sup>e</sup> day & yeare above

Mary **A** Berwicke / written y<sup>e</sup> within menconed Rich<sup>d</sup>.

her marke / Stiffe & Mary Barwicke appeared before mee  
& swore upon the holy evangelist that they did

see y<sup>e</sup> within menconed Aron Atkins signe seale  
publish and declare the within written Testam<sup>t</sup> to  
bee his last will likewise y<sup>w</sup><sup>th</sup>. in menconed Thomas  
according to the forme of his profession did declare  
the same

Joseph West<sup>5</sup>

recorded y<sup>e</sup> 13

Septembr 1684.

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Memorandum That I Mary Atkins of Charles Towne in the prov-  
ince of Carolina widdow being of sound and perfect mind and  
memory Doe make and Ordayne this my last Will and Testam<sup>t</sup>  
this fifteenth Day of Octobr Anno Dom 1684 Annoqr RRs  
36<sup>o</sup> in maner followeing Imprimis I give and bequeath unto my  
Cosen William Downe of the Isle of Wight in the Kingdome of  
England Two hundred pounds (vizt) fforty pounds to him selfe  
and fforty pounds a peice to each of his fflower eldest Children Item  
I give unto my Cosen Abraham Downe of the Isle of Wight afore-  
said the sume of One hundred pounds and to his Wife Elizabeth  
my Gold Chaine Item I give unto my Unckle Gilbert Drake  
Twenty pounds and to his six eldest Children Thirty pounds a  
peice—Item I give unto my Cozen John Collinges of Chard ffifty  
pounds and his Sister Margrett Twenty pounds and to My Cozen  
William Collinges Twenty poundes Item I give unto my Cozen

<sup>5</sup> Ibid., 216.

Thomas Rickman fifty pounds and unto my Cozen John Rickman forty pounds Item I give unto my Cozen Mary Lockier Twenty pounds Item I give unto M<sup>r</sup> Robert Atkins Sen<sup>r</sup> of Exeter Twenty five pounds Item I give unto M<sup>r</sup> Henry Backaller of Chard Twenty five pounds Item I give unto M<sup>r</sup> Benjamine Mills of Chard Twenty five pounds Item I give unto Agnes Smith of Chard five pound and to Clase perry five pounds and to Elizabeth sweete five pounds and to Mary and Joane Sprake each fforty shillings and to my Unckle M<sup>r</sup> George Rickman and his wife Twenty Shillings each to by them ringes, And to M<sup>r</sup> Richard Terrill Twenty shil<sup>s</sup> to buy a Ring and to M<sup>r</sup> Richard Davie and his wife twenty shil<sup>s</sup> each to buy them ringes and to the poore of the burrough of Chard to bee Disposed of att the discreation of my Executor Onely ffive pounds Item I give unto Hannah the Wife of my Cozen William Downes my best Gowne and petticoate and all my Childbed linen and all other Cloaths belonging to a Child, And to my Unckle Drakes Three eldest Daughters my Three next best Gownes and petticoates and all my weareing linnen Item I give unto Ann Seaver my black Crape Gowne and petticoate and my stuffe Gowne with the petticoats I usually weare, and to Elizabeth Adams a Gray Silke Gowne and a serge petticoate with silver lace Item I hereby Nominate and appoynte my Brother in Law M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Smith of Charles Towne afores<sup>d</sup> my sole Executor to whom I give and bequeath all the residue and remainder of my Estate Goods Chattles and Creditts Bills bonds moneyes and Leases of overland and all other things whatsoever belonging to an Executo<sup>r</sup> And my Will is that if any the P<sup>er</sup>sons above named to whom any Legacy is by mee Given bee Dead before the tyme of paym<sup>t</sup> (which I doe hereby appoynt to bee within Two yeares after my death or soe soone as my Executor can conveyently pay them) then the Legacy or Legacies of him, her or them soe dyeing shall remaine to my Executor And my further Will is that the said Legacies when due shall bee paid in Spanish money att ffive shillings the peice of eight And lastly I doe hereby revoake and make voyd all other Wills by mee formerly made and Doe declare this to bee my last will and Testam<sup>t</sup> In Witenesse whereof I the s<sup>d</sup>

Mary Atkins have hereunto sett my hand and seale the day and  
yeare above written

Signed Sealed published & Declared

in the p'sence of./

Mary Atkins (Seale)

Thomas Barnet

John Gwin

Robert Hull

James Donne

December y<sup>e</sup> 19: 1684

Memd the day and yeare above menconed appeared before me  
Robert Hull John Gwin and James Donne and made oath upon the  
holy evangelsts that they did see the within menconed Mary  
Atkins seale signe publish and declare the within written to bee  
her last Will & Testam<sup>t</sup> & that att the same tyme Shee was of  
sound mind & memory to the best of their knowledge/

Jn<sup>o</sup> Godfrey<sup>6</sup>

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A superficial consideration of these wills would indicate that Mrs. Joan Atkins was the mother-in-law of Thomas Smith; that Aaron Atkins was the son of Mrs. Joan Atkins and that he was the brother-in-law of Thomas Smith, as he so calls him in his will. The conclusion then would be that Thomas Smith's wife Barbara was a daughter of Mrs. Joan Atkins and a sister of Aaron Atkins, which would account for the fact that Aaron calls the two boys, Thomas and George Smith, his nephews. It would all be very simple but for the fact that at the time of the making of these records brother-in-law was used interchangeably with half-brother and step-brother, and nephew was used interchangeably with cousin. To show how easily conclusions from partial records can be upset, researches made in England by Mrs. Wade Hampton Perry, of Charleston, seem to prove that Mrs. Joan Atkins was the mother of Thomas Smith. Mrs. Perry found in Somerset House a will of John Atkins of Chard, Somerset, clothier, in which he bequeathes "unto my daughter Joan (or Joanna) Smith wife of

<sup>6</sup> Ibid., 235-236. Godfrey as senior member of the Grand Council was acting Ordinary in place of Governor West.



Thomas Smith one shilling." Further he says: "I give unto my grandson Thomas Smith the sum of £10. to be paid him within 12 months after my decease." Unfortunately Mrs. Perry was unable to ascertain when the will was made. It was recorded apparently in 1682, but at that time Thomas Smith's elder son, Thomas, was eighteen years old and it would have been extraordinary for John Atkins to have had a greatgrandson of anything approaching that age. The next problem is the connection of Aaron, Ellen and Joanna Atkins. They were apparently brother and sisters and the children of Mrs. Joan Atkins, but were they half brother and sisters to Thomas Smith by a later marriage of Mrs. Joan (Atkins) Smith with another Atkins, or were they children of this other Atkins by a former wife and the step-children of Mrs. Joan Atkins? Further research in England by Mrs. Perry, who is now there, may solve the puzzle.

EDITOR'S NOTE.—Among the papers gathered by the late M. Alston Read, Esq. concerning the Landgrave Smith family, are two drawings taken from silver and seals, which show, in one case the Smith arms impaled, and in the other quartered with other arms whose charges of a cross between four mullets on a silver field, bear so direct a resemblance to the arms of several families of Atkins of England, that there would seem no reasonable doubt of an intermarriage between the two families.

## RECORDS OF THE QUAKERS IN CHARLES TOWN

Edited by MABEL L. WEBBER

(Continued from April)

Ye 10th day of ye 12th mo. 1767.

This day Isaac Andrews of Haddonfield of West New Jersey Arrived here from thence by Land In Company with Joshua Thomson of Salem in the Province aforesaid, and Produced their Certificates Coppies of which are as follows:

From our Monthly Meeting att Haddonfield in West New  
Jerseys the 10th of the 8th month 1767, To Friends for Maryland  
Virginia North and South Carolina,

Dear Friends,

Our Friend Isaac Andrews having Laid before this Meeting, a Concern he hath had att times, for several years to visit the Meetings of Friends in your Province, these may certify we have Good Unity therewith, that he is a friend well esteemed among us, Exemplary in Life and Conversation, Sound and Edefying in his Ministry, as such we recommend him to the Divine Protection, and your Brotherly Care, in the Prosecution of his visit with Desire that the Good Master may furnish him with ability for every service required, that so his Holy Name may be established, his Church and People Edefyed, and peace and a of faithfulness Experienced, and in the happy Enjoyment thereof Our friend may return to his Habitation In a degree of that Love which Time nor Space cannot Limit.

We affectionately Salute you, and remain your friend and Brethren

Signed in and on Behalf of Our Monthly Meeting By [thirty-nine names]

From our Monthly Meeting held att Salem in the Province of  
West Jersey On the 31st of the 8th Mo. 1767. To Friends and  
Brethren of the Province of Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina  
or Elsewhere Send Greeting

Dear Friends

Whereas our worthy & well Esteemed Friend and Elder Joshua Thompson, hath Communicated his Concern to this Meeting, of haveing for some time had Drawings in his Mind to visit the Churches in your Parts in Company with Our Friend Isaac Andrews And in order thereunto hath desired our Certificate, These may therefore informe you, we have good Unity with him and his Concern, his life and Conversation being Agreeable thereto, and our Desire is that his Visitt may be to your Edefication & Comfort, and that his Returne to us may be with Pease in his Own Bosom, and having nothing further to write, we Subscribe ourselves your friends and Brethren, in the Unchangeable truth, sighn'd In the Said Meeting, by [42 names]

Ye 8th day of the 3 Month 1768.

This day Mary Stedham of Fredericks Borough att Bush River In the Province Aforesaid Arived here from thence by Land, And produced Her Certificate which Coppey is as follows:  
From Our Monthly Meeting of Fredericks Borough att Bush River ye 4th of ye 2 mo. 1768.

Dear Friends These may inform you that our worthy Friend Mary Stedham having itt on her Mind to accompany our Friend Rachel Wright in her Religious Visitt, to the Meeting of Friends held in Charles Town, And Accordingly Laid her Concern before this Meeting. These may Certifie in her Behalf, that She is in Unity with Friends, and of an Orderly Life and Conversation, And we have good Unity with her Concern, and as such we recommend her to you, Desireing her Preservation in her Journey, and safe return to us again with Pease and Satisfaction in her bosom, so we conclude and Remain your Friends Brethren and Sisters, in the Unchangeable Truth sighn'd in & On behalf of Our Said Meeting by,

Rachel Griffin  
Ann Chandler  
Leah Wright  
Sary Pearson  
Margt Pearson  
Elizabeth Jenkins

John Wright  
Joseph Wight  
Abrahm Nordicke  
Jacob Nordicke  
David Jenkins  
William Neale

Isaac Cook  
Joshua Griffin  
Armil Viniper  
Wm. Wright.

N.B. The above named Mary Stedham Returned Home after a few days stay amongst us First Expressing her Greate Satisfaction on Accompt of her Religious Visitt.

N.B. Note Rachl Wright Came not in Co. being det<sup>d</sup> on Business of Importance Being a Mid Wife.

1st Day of ye 4th Mo. 1768

This Day our Antient and Worthy Friend Sophia Hume Sailed from hence in the Ship Called the London Alexander Curling Master, Bound for London after Labouring in ye Ministrey Amongst us Neare Eight Months, and we are sensibly convinced that nothing Less Could induce her to this Service but the strongest perswasion of her Love and Dutey to Mankind, in becoming an Instrument in Publishing the Glad Tidings of the Gospel of Life and Salvation by Jesue Christ.

1768 9th mo.

8th day This Day Our Worthy Friend & Minister of the Gosples Rachl Wright Came to this Town from Fredericks Borough, at Bush River,<sup>1</sup> in the Back Settlements of this Province, and the next day held a Meeting by Appointment and Bore an Excellent Testimony to the Comfort & Satisfaction of those Friends present and others the day following Proceeded on her Return Home to Bush River aforesaid;

1 Mo. 1769.

Received by Thomas Shute from Sophia Hume of London Sundry Books to be gave away, & Lent at his Discretion

Viz: Barclay's Apology	6 Books
Ditto Catechisms	12 Books
Penns No Cross No Crown	6 "
Eliza Bathursts	6 "
Wm. Shewin (Titulat Xtn)	18 "
Stephens Crisps Letters	2 "
Yearly Epistles 1768	25 "

<sup>1</sup> The Quaker settlement at Bush River, near Newberry, S. C., was a large one, established there by 1762: an interesting account of this settlement may be found in O'Neill's *Annals of Newberry*, page 30.

2 Mo. 2nd Day 1769

Rachel Willson Late of Kendale Westmoreland in Old England Arrived here from her Journey; Through the Jerseys, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina; In Company with Samuel Morton of Philadelphia & Sarah Janney of Fairfax in Virginia, and produced their Several Certificates which are as Coppies following:

From our Monthly Meeting held at Kendale in Westermoreland the 24th of the 6th month 1768

To Our Brethren and Sisters in America

Dear Friends

We Salute you in the Love of the Gospel which Spreading over Sea and Land, Engageing the hearts of a Remnant to be Separated from the nearest and most tenderest connections in Life from Sence of Duty before the Almighty, and in an humble discharge of the Same as in his Sight, for the good of the Churches; and hereby impart unto you, that the Bearer hereof, our Esteemed friend Rachel Wilson, hath Signified to us, that for some years past she hath been under an engagement of Mind, to Visitt the meetings of Friends in your parts; Requesting our Concurrence therein and a few lines on her behalf; she Being Apprehensive that the Right Time of performing the said Visitt now draws near. All which we have had under our Solid Consideration, and finding her husband is free to give her up to this Service, We certify you that we have good unity with our said Friend under he present concern, her Life and Conversation Adorning the doctrines She has to deliver, which is Acceptable to us, and we have reason to believe hath been so in such parts where she has been heretofore engaged to Travel in the like Service.

We fervently desire she may be Conducted by Devine Wisdom under the guidance of him who hath called forth to this Service, that her Labours of Love amongst you may tend to your help, Edification and Comfort, and that she may be by the same Good hand be preserv'd through her travels, and favoured to Return Safe to her family and Friends here with the Desirable reward of pease.

Signed in and on Behalf of our above said Meeting by Sixty-one Men & Women Friends, members of said Meeting.

To Friends in America,

The within written certificate on Behalf of our Friend Rachel Wilson was read and approved at our Quarterly Meeting held at Kendale for Westmoreland, this 1st day of ye 7 mo. 1763, and signed in and on Behalf of the same, by

Ninty three Men and Women Friends.

To Friends in America,

Dear Friend Our Friend Rachel Wilson being present Ready to Embark upon an Intended Visitt to the Churches in your Parts, and having laid before us a certificate from the monthly Meeting of Kendal, importing their Unity with her Ministry and Conversation, also her present weighty Concern; likewise a few lines from the Quarterly Meeting Concurring therewith; we hereby Inform you that we also concur with the said Certificate and her concern with Desires that the Visitt may be to your edification and her Comfort; are your loving friends Signed in the Morning Meeting of Ministers and Elders in London the 8th of the 8th Month 1762, by Twenty-six Men & Women Friends.

From our Monthly Meeting in Philadelphia, the 25th of the eleventh Month, 1768.

To our Friends and Brethren in Maryland Virginia North and South Carolina.

Dear Friends,

The Bearer of this, our Friend Samuel Morton a Member of our Meeting, well Respected by us being willing to attend our esteemed friend Rachel Wilson and her Companion through the Course of her Religious Visitt to you, we think it necessary to inform you, that the Seson of the Yeare and Difficulties of this Long Journey being Considered, we Apprehend his going may be of service, and afford Satisfaction to himself and you, his Conduct and Conversation among us having been prudent and exemplary, with Desires for a Safe Returne to his Wife and Family with the Reward of Peace we are

Your Loving Friends

Signed forty Men Friends of said Meeting.

From the Monthly Meeting of Friends att Fair Fax in Virginia.

To Friends where these may come

The Bearer hereof our Worthy Friend Sarah Janney having Informed this Meeting, that She has had for some time past draw-

ings in her mind to visit Friends in the southern provinces, and our Friend Rachel Wilson from Great Britain being present on a Religious Visit to these parts, our said Friend expressed her being free to join her therein.

We not having timely notice of this undertaking to make the usual Inquirey, may nevertheless inform you that it was mentioned in our mens & womens Meetings, had the full Concurrence of the same, and also of her husband in freely giving her up to the service. We therefore Certifie on her behalf that she is a Friend well esteemed amongst us, of an Orderly Life and Conversation and lively in her Gift in the Ministry with which we have good unity.

We Recommend her to Divine Protection and subscribe Ourselves your friends, Brethren and Sisters.

Signed in & on behalf of our said Meeting

26th of 11 Mo. 1768

By Forty-nine Men & Women Friends.

2 Mo. 3rd Day 1769

Rachal Wilson and Sary Janney had a meeting by Appointment att our Meeting-house in King Street and on the first day following had two meetings in the old Baptist Meeting House (our own meeting-house being too small for the congregation the Third day following they took their Leave and on Fourth Day morning Sett out on their Journey Northwards towards Philadelphia.

Haveing Dureing their aboad amongst us Visitting sundry families and having meetings in their Houses to the Comfort and Edification of many.

4th of 12 month 1769

Jacob Sinton Arrived here from Ireland & produced his Certificate from the Six Weeks meeting att Belle-hagen in the North of Ireland of 10th Mo. 9th day 1769 Certifying his Orderly Life and Conversation his being free of debt and Any Marriage Engagements.

Our Friend Timothy Davis of Masitusits Bay in New England Government visited this place some time in the year 1771 which was to Good Satisfaction.

Also by Sarah & Mehetealel Jenkins of some part of New England Government in the year 1773 which visit was much to our



Satisfaction, but there has been an omission in not taking down the particulars and recording their Certificates in this Book.

Copy of John Forman's Certificate to visit Friends in these parts  
on a religious Account.

From our monthly meeting held at Gwynedd in the County of Philadelphia in Pennsylvania the 27th of the 10th month 1772.

To our Friends and Brethren in the Colyns of Virginia & North Carolina (our said Friend was here sum time about 3 month 1773)

Dear Friends These may inform you that our esteemed Friend John Forman has laid before us a Concern that has for some time rested upon his Mind to visit the Churches in your parts, after weighty and deliberate Consideration of the Matter, we concur with him in his Concern & certify on his behalf that his innocent & exemplary life & Conversation is agreeable with the principles we profess, and his publick Testimony (tho' not large) is savory & edifying. May the tendency of his sincere love and honest labour have the desired effect, & that when his service amongst you is over, may he in Mercy be preserved to returne home with the reward of Peace to his Family & Friends is what we ardently desire & subscribe ourselves your Friends & Brethren in Gospel Fellowship.

Signed in & behalf of our said Meeting by [37 names]

1st Mo. 1st 1774

This day Robert Walker of \_\_\_\_\_ in England Arrived here by land from the Northern Colonies in Company with Morris Birbeck of Suttle in England, and produced their Certificates, a copy of which as follows:

Dear Friends

Our Friend Robert Walker having acquainted us, that he has had a Concern upon his Mind for a considerable time to pay you a visit This is to certify you that he is in good esteem with us, his Life and Conversation being Exemplary and his Ministry Sound & Edifying, has settled his Affairs to our Satisfaction; and that after a deliberate Consideration we find Good Unity with him therein. We therefore recommend him to your Christian Care and Assistance desiring that his visit may be blessed to the Edification of the Church and his own peace & comfort, and we are with the salutation of our Love your Friends and Brethren

Signed in and by order of Brighthouse  
Monthly Meeting held at Bradford  
In the County of York the 19th of the 3rd  
Month 1773 by [Long list of names omitted.]  
To Friends of North America etc

From the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders held in London  
by Adjournments from the 29th day of the fifth month 1773 to  
the Seventh of the Sixth Month Inc.

Dearly Beloved Friends,

Our well Esteemed Friend Robert Walker, having informed this Meeting that for a considerable time past he hath had a Concern resting weightily upon his Mind to pay a religious Visit to the Churches on your Continent, and apprehending the time now fully come to enter upon the discharge of the service pointed out; he hath laid before us a Certificate which he hath received from the Monthly Meeting to which he belongs, and another from the Quarterly Meeting of the County of York which were read and have our Approbation, and upon weighty Consideration having near Unity and Sympathy with our said Friend in his present Concern; we recommend him to Divine Protection and the Guidance of the Holy Spirit in the Increase of his Gift amongst you desiring his labors may redound to your Edification and his increase in Christian experience: and that when clear of the service before him, he may return in Safety with the Reward of Peace resulting from the discharge of duty.

We conclude with the salutation of our dear love in the fellowship of the Gospel

Your Friends, Brethren and Sisters

Signed in and behalf of our

Said Meeting

Signed by 81 Men and 24 Women Friends

Belonging to said Meeting.

To Friends in North America

Dearly Beloved Friend & Brethren

Our well esteemed Friend Robert Walker the Bearer hereof having acquainted us that for a considerable time he hath had a Concern upon his mind to pay you a Religious Visit and requested our concurrence and Certificate. We hereby Certify you that we have good Unity with him both as a Member and Minister, and in

his said Concern, his life and conversation being truly exemplary agreeable to the Certificate given by the Monthly Meeting of Brighthouse to which we refer you recommending him to divine protection and to, your tender regard.

We Remain with the Salutation of Brotherly Love your Friends  
Signed in and on behalf of our  
Quarterly Meeting held in York

the 24th & 25th of the 3rd month 1773, by

39 Men Friends belonging to said Meeting.

To Friends of North America, etc.

Our Friend Morris Birbeck a Member of this Meeting did Some time ago acquaint some of us with his Intention of Makeing a Voyage to and a Tour upon your Continent and have lately requested our Certificate of Recommendation to such Friends as he may happen to meet with in the prosecution of his said intention. Now though the loss of so valuable a member is affection to us, yet this meeting leaves him to his Liberty and hereby certifies All to whom this may come that we have strong reason to believe his Conversation hath been orderly. Agreeing with the primitive principle we profess and that having now been a widower for several years, he hath since contracted no Engagements relative to Marriage. We would therefore recommend him to the Protection of Providence and to your Occasional Care and brotherly attention, ardently desiring his preservation both in a Religious and Natural Sense.

In that Brotherly Affection which no distance bounds we desire to salute you, and Remain your Friends and brethren

Signed in and by order of our  
Monthly Meeting held at Settle

In the County of York, the 5th day  
of the 5th Mo. 1773

By 24 Men Friends of Said Meeting.

South Carolina the 2nd 1st Mo. 1774

This day our Much Esteemed Friend Robert Walker and his Companion Morris Birbeck had a Meeting at our Meeting House in King Street at 10 o'clock in the morning and again at three in the after-noon had another on fourth day By appointment, and two More at our Meeting house on the first day following which was Much to the satisfaction of the people on third day which was the

11th the sat out for Wilmington in North Carrolina and accompanied by Joseph Verree and John, James as far as Willmington.

## CHARLES TOWN SO. CAROLINA

3 Mo. 20th 1774.

This Day our Much Esteemed Friends Elizabeth Robinson of York shire in old England, and hur companion Ruth Holland of Pipe Creek in the proviance of Maryland accompanied by Thomas Lightfoot of Uwchlan in Chester County, Pennsylvania produced there Certificates a Copy of which is as follows

To our Friends & Brethren in the American Colonies to whom these may come

Dear Friends

Our well esteemed Friend Elizabeth Robinson the bearer hereof having had a Concern upon hur Mind for a number of Years to pay you a religious Visit in the Love & Drawings of the truth hath laid the same before us in order for our solid deliberate Consideration, approbation & certificate.

We hereby certify you that we have unity with her boath as a member & minister; likewise upon a solid deliberate consideration with her Intended Visit, her Conduct & Conversation Comporting with her ministry; as such we recommend her with earnest desires for her preservation, Humbly trusting divine goodness will be pleased, to furnish with wisdom and strength to perform such service as he may see meet to require that the churches may be edified; and she favoured with true peace in travelling along: Also if consistent with his will to permit her safe return when her work is finished; it may be in the enjoyment of the same.

In the love and fellowship of the Gospel we dearly salute you and remain your Friends and Brethren

Yorkshire {	Signed in and on behalf of Richmond Mo
	Meeting held at Airsbarth ye 4th 3 mo. 1773
	By her husband Joshua Robinson
	and 40 more Friends Men & Women

To Friends & Brethren in America  
Dearly Beloved Friends and Brethren

Our well beloved Friend Elizabeth Robinson the Wife of Joshua Robinson having for several years had a concern to pay a concern

to pay a religious visit to the Churches in your parts and Acquainted us therewith requesting our Approbation and Certificate, we hereby inform you that we have Unity with her both as a member and minister in her intended visit; She having the Consent of her Husband, and produced a Certificate of the concurrence of the Richmond Mo Meeting to which we refer you as a further Testimonail of her conversation & Ministry.

We recommend her to the guidance of Divine Wisdom and to your Christian regard and remain with the salutation of dear love your friends Brethren and Sisters.

Signed in and on behalf of our Quarterly Meeting for Yorkshire held at York the 24th and 25th days of ye 3rd Mo. 1773.

By Joshua Robinson and 78 more Men & Women Friends.

From the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London by adjournments from the 29th day of the 5th month to the Seventh day of the Sixth mo. inclusive 1773.

To our Friends and Brethren of the American Colonies  
Dearly Beloved Friends:

Our well Esteemed Friend Elizabeth Robinson, having informed this meeting that a Concern hath for a Considerable time past rested with weight on her mind to visit the Churches in your parts in the work of the Ministry; and apprehending the time now fully come to enter upon the service pointed out she hath laid before us a Certificate from the Monthly Meeting to which she belongs, and another from the Quarterly Meeting of the County of York, which were read and approved of by us; and having weightily considered her concern we feel a near sympathy and unity with her therein; So recommending her to the divine protection and the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the weighty service before her; we desire her labor may redound to your edification in the most holy fath, and to her own increase of Experience in the Truth, and that by divine permission, when her work is finished, she may return in safety and peace. We conclude with dear love, in the Fellowship of the Gospel.

Your Friends, Brthren & Sisters.

Signed in & on behalf of our said  
Meeting, the 7th day of ye 6th mo. 1773.

[Signed by 104 names]

From our Monthly Meeting of Piple Creek, in the Province of Maryland held the 15th 1st mo. 1774.

To our Friends in the Colony of Virginia and Elsewhere in the Southern Provinces.

Dear Friends

Our Esteemed Friend Ruth Holland having in Solemn Manner informed this Meeting that our Esteemed Friend Elizabeth Robinson (late from Europe) had a desire that she should accompany her in her visit to your parts, and that the matter had rested on her mind with weight, and therefore requested our concurrence therein.

We hereby Certifie you that we have good unity with her undertaking.

She being a Friend in good esteem amongst us having an acceptable Testimony to bear at Times, and of an orderly Life and Conversation with desires for her preservation and Support through the said Journey we remain your loving Friends brethren and sisters Signed in and on behalf of said Meeting by her husband Richard Holland & 28 more friends men and women

From our Monthly Meeting held at Uwchlan in Chester County Pennsylvania the 6th day of the 1st mo. 1774.

To Friends in the Southern Provinces where this may come  
Dear Friends

Our esteemed Friend Thomas Lightfoot hath informed us that he hath drawings in his mind to go to your parts as a guide with out dear friend, Elizabeth Robinson from Europe and her companion, who are on a religious visit.

We therefore inform you, that he is an Elder in good esteem amongst us, and we have unity with his present undertaking hoping it will be of service, Also that his outward Affairs are in good circumstances & Settled to Satisfaction as far as appears.

With desires that he may be preserved Steadily Perserving in Virtue, and that if it be consistent with the divine will he may be favored to return home with the satisfaction of Peace to his family and friends. We conclude your affectionate Friends brethren and sisters Signed in & on behalf of our said Meeting

By 32 Friends Men & Women.

## CHARLES TOWN SO CAROLINA

3 Mo. 20th 1774.

This day our dear Friends Elizabeth Robinson Ruth Holland and their companion Thomas Lightfoot arrived here by Land from the Northward on Religious Service to the People, particularly to them not of our Society and had a meeting at our meeting-house in King-street twice on this day, and again by appointment on the third and sixth day Likewise two on the first day following all being much to the satisfaction of the people on fourth day following the sat out on their return northward accompanied by our Friend John James the taking George Town in ther way and had a religious Meeting with the people in that Place on fifth day at 3 o'clock in the afternoon which was large and believe much to the Satisfaction of them that was at it and then the went on to a meeting at Pede

## CHARLESTON SO. CAROLINA

6 mo. 12th 1784.

Our esteemed Friend Aaron Lancaster & Thomas Massay with several Friends from the back Settlement of this Government reached this city on the 6th inst. & was at several of our meetings, in all which our aforesaid Friend A. Lancaster, was favoured to bear a Testimony; to the Honour of truth, & to the Satisfaction & Comfort of a little remnant.

On the 8th a Meeting of Conference was held by appointment for the professors of truth, and the Certificates of our friends were then produced and read; a Certificate from Oblong monthly meeting in New York with whom we have good Unity, as also expressive of a religious visit to friends in the Southern Government on this Continent. A Certificate from in pennsylvania recommending Thomas Massay as a member of our Religious Society, whom they esteemed—being a Companion to our friend A. Lancaster—a proposition being made to hold a meeting in future on fourth days of the week, to begin at the tenth hour in the morning; which was agreed to without opposition and the day following being fourth day of the week, friends met accordingly; which meeting our friends A. Lancaster Thomas Massey &



others, attended, whose company and the Gospel Labour of the former were truly acceptable.

At a Meeting of Conference of the professors of truth held in the Meeting House in Charleston 8 mo. 2nd 1786.

Friends taking under their Consideration whether it might not be proper to preserve some account of the Religious Services of such Friends as had visited us in Gospel Love, when it was agreed that the following account should be entered in the Book of Minutes of the Monthly Meeting formerly held here.

In the 12 mo. last our esteemed Friend David Brooks from North Carolina Visited Friends here in the Service of Truth, he attended several of our Meetings, as they came in course, his Gospel Labours therein was truly acceptable to a small remnant; Barnabus Coffin being his companion in this Visit whose Company was also acceptable.

Our beloved Friends, John Towsend from London in Old England by way of Philadelphia, and Mark Reeve; his companion from West New Jersey visited Friends here the first month last in Gospel Love, whose labour therein both public and private although their stay with us was very short, was truly acceptable, strengthening and encouraging in things that relate to our everlasting welfare.

In the 3 mo. last our dear Friend Thomas Calley from Sheffield in Old England Visited Friends here in the work of the Ministry; he attended many of our religious meetings, two being held by appointment in the old Baptist Meeting-House<sup>2</sup> to accommodate the Inhabitants, great numbers of them attending the same; In all those Meetings our Friend has good service, in bearing Living testimony to the honour of Truth and Credit of our Religious Society, setting forth the manner of true Worship, as also our Christian principles, Likewise the Universlity and Sufficiency of Divine Grace, in a very clear light, thus was he favoured to open the way of Life and Salvation to the People. The Divine witness in many of them we believe was reached by the Ministry of our Friend, His gospel labour and doctrine was truly acceptable and Edifying to a small Remnant.

Thomas Winslow, a Friend from North Carolina was a com-

<sup>2</sup> Situated on Church Street, on the same site as the present First Baptist Church.

panion to our Friend Thomas Colley in this Visit; whose company was Acceptable.

A RECORD OF MARRIAGES AMONGST THE PEOPEL CALLED QUAKERS  
IN THE PROVINCE OF SO CAROLINA SINCE THE YEAR 1715

Tho<sup>a</sup>. Kimberley & Isabell Goll; took Each Other in Marriage, att the publique Meeting house; of the peopel called Quakers, in Charlestown, as appears by a Certificate bearing the same date.

Thos Elliott Junr. and Bulah Law; tooke Each other in Marriage, at the publique meeting house; of the peopel called Quakers, in Charlestown, So. Carolina, the 10th day of ye 2 mo. (Called Aprill) 1720, and a Certificate was signed the same day, according to order.

Thomas Elliott, senr.<sup>3</sup> & Ann Clifford tooke each other in Marriage at a Meeting of the people called Quakers & others in Charles towne So. Carolina the 1 of ye 3d Mo. 1721 & a Certificate was signed the same day according to order.

A RECORD OF JOS. SHUTE & HIS WIVES

CERTIFICATE.

Whereas Jos. Shute<sup>4</sup> of the City of Philadelphia Merchant Son of Thos. and Elizabeth Shute of the same place and Anna Arnott

<sup>3</sup> For some account of one branch of Elliotts see this *Magazine*, vol. XI.

<sup>4</sup> Joseph Shute at one period owned the marshland on which Castle Pinckney now stands; it was then called "Shute's Folly," (This *Magazine*, vol. XIX, p. 91.) There were several places on this coast which carried the name Folly, as Folly Island, which on some early maps is written "Follee;" this seems to nave some significance beyond the usual interpretation; the *New English Dictionary* gives as one definition—"Folly, a clump of fir trees, on the crest of a hill." *The English Dialect Dictionary* gives—"Folly, also volly, a clump of trees standing on the crest of a hill or in a stretch of open ground." The only citations given are for 1880 and 1888.

*English Language in America*, by George P. Krapp, vol. 1, p. 86, gives the following: "A geographical word *folly* occurs in the *Hempstead Records*, I. 309 (1677), 'there was given to Thomas Sotthard a small pese of land lying between his folly and the ould ox-paster;' also I, 320 (1678) 'there was given to Nathaniell Pearsall . . . on the west side of his folly.' . . . The word is certainly topographical, . . . near Wilmington, Delaware, is a place called Folly Woods."

On the Proprietor's Map of Carolina 1672, we find Look Wood folly, South of Cape Fear; Lea's new map of Carolina before 1700, gives Lockwood folly.

of Charles-Town in So. Carolina Widdow Declared their Intentions of taking each Other in Marriage at two select Meetings of the People called Quakers according to the good Order used among them whose proceedings therein after a deliberate Consideration thereof were Allowed by the said Meetings, They both appearing clear of all others and having consent of Parents and Relations concerned Now these are to Certifie whom it may concern that for the full accomplishing their said Intentions this Seventh day of the eighth month in the year 1731 the said Joseph Shute and Anna Arnott appeared at a publick Assembly of the sd People at their Meeting-House in Charles-Town Aforesd He the said Jos. Shute taking the said Anna Arnott by the Hand did openly declare as followeth (viz) Friends; In the Fear of the Lord and in the presence of this Assembly whom I desire to be my witnesses I take this my frd Anna Arnott to be my Wife promising with the Lord's Assistance to be unto her a loving and faithfull Husband till Death shall Separate us (Or words to that effect) And then and there in the sd Assembly the sd Anna Arnott did also openly declare as followeth viz

Frd In the Fear of the Lord and in the presence of this Assembly Whom I desire to be my witnesses, I take this my frd Jos. Shute to be my Husband promising with ye Lords Assistance to be unto him a loving and faithfull Wife till Death shall separate us (Or words to that Effect) And then and there in the sd Assembly the sd Jos. Shute & Anna She according to the custom of marriage assuming the name of her husband as a further confirmation thereof unto these Presents did set their hands And we whose names are under-written being present among others at the Soleminization of sd

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William Rivers had a grant "9 Sept. 1696, for 700 acres in Berkeley County, known by the name of Folly Island, Bound South East by the sea; Westerly on a creek that comes out of the sea in said sound [Sic]. North-westerly on marsh and creek of the Sound on South Side of James' [Island]."

William Edwards had a grant 22 April, 1698, for 500 acres in Colleton County, "on the North-East side of a fresh water creek called Folly Creek, in Colleton County, bounding South-West ward on said creek on all other Sides by land not laid out." (Abstract of Grants, Mss. in H. A. M. Smith papers).

Marriage & Subscription as witnesses thereunto have also to these presents subscribed our Names the Day & Year above written.

Thos. Elliott	Saml. Witter	Jos. Shute
Thos. Fleming	Jno. Blamyer	Ann Shute
Jno. Witter	Othnl. Beale	
Susanna Wiggington	Thos. Cooper	
Mary Smith	Robt. Booth	
Jno. Daniell	Richd. Wigg	
Mary Blamyer	Christopher Hill	Thos. Kimberley
Mary Dandridge	Stephen Beauchamp	Isabell “
Martha Booth	Jno. Smith	Thos. Whitemarsh <sup>5</sup>
Mary Blamyer, Jr.	Thos. Bedon	
And Deane	Mich. Higgins	
Wm. Howell		

A Record of Joseph Shute and His Wife being married on the twelfth Day of the twelfth Month One Thousand Seven hundred & fifty.

Joseph Shute married to Mary Widdow  
of Stono.

the said Joseph tho' educated in the Profession of Truth yet not regarding the wholesome discipline of his Friends was married to ye sd Mary by a Priest.

#### A RECORD OF THE BIRTHS OF THE CHILDREN OF THE PEOPLE CALLED QUAKERS IN THE PROVINCE OF SO. CAROLINA.

The record begins according to the account that friends have brought into ye Mo. Meeting seince the year 1718

An account was brought into the Mo. Meeting held on the 11th of the 11th Mo. 1719, That;

Anna Goll daughter of Christian Goll Mariner; and Isabell his Wife was born on the 26th of ye 10th Mo. (called december) (1708)

An account was brought by John Witter Planter and Mary his Wife (Of James Island in this Province) was born on ye 24 of ye 10 Mo. 1718;

<sup>5</sup> Not all of these were Friends, some of them being guests or witnesses.

Mary Witter, daughter of ye sd Jno. & Mary Witter, was born ye 22 of ye 11 Mo. 1720/1.

James Witter, Son of the above jno. & Mary Witter was born 9 Mo. 23, 1722.

Elizabeth Witter, daughter of ye above Jno. & Mary Witter was born 5 of 8 mo. 172 (?)

Norwood Witter son of John Witter and Anne his wife was born 27 of 12 mo. 172 (?)

Martha Witter Daughter of sd. John & Anne Witter was born ye 24 of 10 mo. 1729

Samuel Witter son of sd John & Anne Witter was born ye 27th of 10 mo. 1733

Jonathan Witter son of sd John & Anne Witter was born ye 30 of 2 mo. 1736.

An Account brought into ye mo<sup>ly</sup> meeting by Thos. Fleming of ye births of seven of his Children ye 8th mo. ye 7th day 1736, and is as followeth.

Viz Thos. Son of Thos. & Sarah Fleming was born on John's Island ye 17th 1725

Dan<sup>ll</sup> Son of sd Thos Fleming was born on said Island ye 21day of ye 1st mo. 1726

first Sarah Fleming was born in Cha<sup>s</sup>. Town ye 4th day of ye 6th mo. 1729

second Sarah was born in Cha<sup>s</sup>. Town ye 27 day of ye 11th mo. 1730

Martha was born in Chas. Town ye 2d day of ye 4th mo. 1732.

Eliz<sup>th</sup> was born in Chas Town ye 9th day of the 9th mo. 1733

Jean was born on John's Island ye 31 day of ye 8th mo 1735.

#### SO CAROLINA

The 8th Mo 28th Day 1732 Was born Iseabel Shute The Daughter of Jos. & Ann Shute twenty Seven Minnits after four a Clock in Morning

The 1st Mo. 22 Day 1733 Was born Thomas Shute The Son of Jos. & Anna Shute at forty five Minnutes after twelve a Clock at noon

The 9th Mo. 12th Day 1735 Was born Elizabeth Shute The Daughter of Jos. & Ann Shute at fifty Minnutes after twelve a Clock at Noon

The 7th Mo 2 Day 1737 Was born Thomas Shute Second Son of the same name of Jos. & Anna Shute at twenty minnutes after five a Clock in ye Morning

The 2th Mo. 15th Day 1739 Was born John Shute third Son of Jos. & Anna Shute at twenty seven minnutes after two a Clock in ye after Noon

The 3 Mo. 16th day 1741 Was born Thomas Shute third Son of Jos. Shute & Anna att 45 min. after One a Clock in the Morning

The 5 Mo. 27th Day 1742 was born Mary Shute Daughter of Jos. & Anna Shute att five a Clock in the Morning

The 5 Mo. 31st Day 1743 Was born Mary Shute Daughter of Jos. & Anna Shute at about foure a Clock in the Morning

Ruth Johnson Daughter of William Johnson Deceased & Ruth his Wife was Born the Day of One Thousand seven hundred and sixty nine

#### A RECORD OF BURYALLS AMONGST THE PEOPEL CALLED QUAKERS IN THE PROVINCE OF SO CAROLINA.

This record begins according to the account that friends have brought into the Month Meetings since the year 1718.

An Account was brought into the Mo. Meeting held on the 11th of ye 11th Mo. 1719, That,

In the 10th Month of ye year 1715, John Cooper a friend of the County of Waxford in Ireland, dyed here and was buried In friends burying ground in Charlestown.

Also that one Edward Halliday of Yorkshire in old England, dyed here in the year 1715, and was also buried in friends ground in Charlestown.

An account was brought into the same Meeting that George Meers a friend; of the city of London in old England dyed here on the 10th of ye 9 Mo. 1717, and was buried in friends ground in Charlestown.

And further, that John Jackson of Charlestown; dyed on ye 27th of ye 6th Mo. 1718, and was buried In the same ground belonging to friends (in Charlestown).

Also that Hephzibeth Elliott; Wife of Thos. Elliott Senr. dyed on ye 27th of ye 7th mo. 1719, and was buried In her Husband Thos. Elliotts plantation On Stono.

An acct was brought into the monthly meeting of the people called Quakers held in Charlestowne the 6th of ye first mo. 1721

That:

John Allen sonn of Nehemiah Allen of Philadelphia dyed ye 29th of 11th mo. 1720 and was buried in friends burying bround in Charlestowne

ye 10th of 5th mo. 1721

An account was given at this meeting that John Denton dyed the 15th day of ye 4th mo. 1721 and at his request was buried in Friends Burying Ground in Charlestowne

ye 5th of ye 12th mo. 1721.

An acct was given at this meeting that Elizabeth Roberts late of Philadelphia dyed ye 14th day of ye 1st mo. 1721/2 & was buried ye 15th in friends burying ground in Charles towne.

ye 2d 1st mo 1726

An Acct was given at this meeting that Mary Whitter Wife of John Whitter Dyed the 11th of 11th Mo. 1726 and was bured (at her husbands Plantation) ye 12th

ye 3d day of ye 4th mo 1736

An acct was given at this meeting that James Witter Dyed the 9 of 7 mo. 1730 and was buried ye 10 at his plantation on James Island

And yt Susanah Wigganton Died ye 26th of ye 1 mo. 1733 and was buried in frds buring ground ye 28th and yt Sarah Parsons died ye 17th of ye 7th mo. 1734 and was buried ye 18th in friends burying ground. Joshua Lanckaster died ye 21 of ye 5th mo: 1735 and was buried ye 22d in frds buring ground and also that John Essex Died the 19th of ye 3d mo. 1736 and buried ye 20th in frds buring ground

Bena Austin Died ye 8th of ye 6th mo: 1735 and was buried in friends buring ground in Chas. Town

George Head Late of Philadelphia Merchant dyed in Charles town So. Carolina and was buried in Friends



An account was given at this meeting that the under Mentioned Children of Thos. & Sarah Fleming departed this life

Viz Dan<sup>11</sup> the 30<sup>th</sup> day of ye 5<sup>th</sup> mo. 1730 and was buried in friends burying ground in Cha<sup>s</sup> Town.

Sarah the 8<sup>th</sup> day of ye 5<sup>th</sup> mo. 1730, and was burried in friends burying ground in Cha<sup>s</sup> Town.

Eliz<sup>th</sup> the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of ye 7<sup>th</sup> mo: 1735 Johns Island.

Jean the 5<sup>th</sup> Day of ye 5<sup>th</sup> mo: 1736 Johns Island.

Thos. Kemerly Dyed the 30<sup>th</sup> Day of the 9<sup>th</sup> mo. 1736 and was buried the next day in Frds Burying ground, being a Publick Frd for many years amongst us.

Thomas Shute Dyed the 12<sup>th</sup> Day of the 3 mo. 1735 Son of Jos & Anna Shute & was Entered the Next Day in Friends Burying Ground.

Thomas Shute Dyed the 17<sup>th</sup> Day of the 4<sup>th</sup>. 1730 the Second Son of Jos. & Anna Shute of the Same Name was Entered the same Day in Friends burying Ground

Iseabel Kimberley Dyed the 10<sup>th</sup> Day of the 11 Mo. 1740 and was Entred the Next Day in Friends Burying Ground Eaged 73 years & 10 Days most Glorist Exprations Came from her a few hours before her expiration that she had made peace with God & ye Sting of Death was taken away

1740 Charles Town So. Carolina The 11 Month 15 Day of thare abouts Mary Smith of this Place Scool Mistris Departed this Life and was bured in Friends bureing Ground

1741 Thos. Shute third Son of Jos. & Anna Shute Dyed June and was bured in Friends bureing Ground

1742 Mary Shute Daughter to Jos. & Anna Shute Dayed Auguse and was bured in Friends bureing Ground

Anna Shute wife to Joseph Shute Dyed the 26<sup>th</sup> Day of the 4 Month 1749 and was Entred the Next Day in Friends Bureing Ground Eaged forty years and Six Months.

Capt. James Doughty of New Yorke Dyed The 1<sup>th</sup> of the twelfth Month 1749 and was Entred the Next Day in Friends buering Ground being brought up amongst Friends desired to be bured amongst Friends.

Thomas Shoemaker formerly of Philadelphia but latterly an Inhabitant of this Province was Buried in Friends Burying Ground

CHARLES TOWN SO CAROLINA

the 12 Mo. 29th day 1768/9

William Johnson Born in Ireland (School Master) In this Town,  
Departed this Life and was Decently Buryed in Friends Burying  
Place the Next Day following.

Asa Pancoast Born in the                      Jerseys Departed this  
life this                      day of the                      Month 1769 and  
was Decently Buried the Next Day in friends Burying Place.

## MARRIAGE AND DEATH NOTICES FROM THE CITY GAZETTE

Copied by JEANNIE HEYWARD REGISTER

*(Continued from April)*

Married last evening, by the Rev. Mr. Keith, Mr. Robert Maxwell, Factor, to Miss Mary Huxham, both of this city. (Dec. 7, 1804)

Married, on the 25th of November last, by the rev. Mr. Holdt, Mr. Lewis Vetet, to Miss Mary Crowsen, both of Kingston district. (Tuesday, Dec. 14, 1804)

Married, on Thursday the 6th inst. Mr. John C. Wyld, of Barnwell District, to Miss Margaret Stone, of Beaufort. (Friday, Dec. 14, 1804)

Married, on Thursday evening last by the Rev. Mr. M'Culloch, Mr. William Pressby, to Miss Eliza Eleanor Adams, daughter of Mr. David Adams, factor.

Married, at Cambridge, Abbeville District, on the 6th instant, Mr. James M'Crackan, merchant, to Miss Elizabeth Wilson, eldest daughter of Mr. James Wilson, of same place. (Saturday, Dec. 15, 1804)

Died, on Thursday last, at his house in this city, William M'Leod, esq. one of the Directors of the State Bank, and for many years past a very respectable merchant in this city. (Monday, Dec. 17, 1804)

Departed this life on the 19th instant, in the 34th year of her age, Mrs. Jane Bacot, wife of Thomas W. Bacot, esq. and eldest daughter of the late Henry DeSaussaure, esq. deceased. Possessed of great equanimity and amiableness of temper, and a cultivated mind, improved and fortified by strong impressions of religion, she sustained a lingering illness with serenity and Christian fortitude; yielding with perfect resignation to the will of the all-wise Disposer of events, a life, the loss of which afflicts with poignant distress an affectionate husband, mother and children. They, with many relations and friends, lament the departure of a dutiful daughter, a

tender companion, a kind parent and a valuable friend. (Friday, Dec. 21, 1804)

Married, on the 18th instant, in St. Andrews Parish, by the Rev. Mr. Price, Mr. Peter M. Ehney, to Miss Sarah R. Rose, both of this city. (Saturday, Dec. 22, 1804)

Married, on Thursday evening, by the rev. Mr. Hollinshead, Mr. Joseph Parsons, of Wiscasset, to Mrs. Jane Whitesides, of Christ Church Parish.

Married, on Wednesday evening last, by the Rev. Dr. Keith, James Graves, esq. of St. Bartholomew's Parish, to the very agreeable and much accomplished Miss Sarah Minott, of this city. (Monday, Dec. 24, 1804)

Died, on Thursday, the 20th instant, at his residence in Sumter District, Laurence Manning, Esquire, Adjutant General of South Carolina, in the 48th year of his age. At the commencement of the American Revolution he abandoned his literary pursuits for the defense of his country, which called aloud for protection, and heartily did he engage in that cause which has secured to the present generation, the blessings which they now enjoy. In this situation did he continue at the Northward, distinguishing himself on all occasions, until it was deemed necessary by Congress, to send an army to rescue the Southern States, from the ravages of her enemy—Fate and military regulations decreed him one of the number which composed that army; in this duty, the Patriot also engaged with his usual ardor, equally willing that his constitution should combat the unfavourable climate, while he aided to vanquish the usurping foes of his country. No less distinguished was his valour and military glory here than at the Northward, but augmented as he improved in the art of war; and not until America had established her peace and independence did he sheath his sword, and exchange the soldier's life for that of the citizen. So much fidelity and worth was not suffered to remain long in the walks of retirement before he was called from thence by the suffrages of his fellow citizens to the legislative councils of the state, where he remained until the legislature conferred upon him the honourable appointment of adjutant-general of South-Carolina; in this capacity he continued until the last moment of his life and faithful in the service of the public. In him society has lost a valuable member, the public a faithful servant, and his family an affectionate husband and tender parent. (Dec. 28, 1804)

Died, in Sumter District, on Sunday the 9th inst. Captain Richard Singleton, a firm patriot and true friend. During the American Revolution he took a conspicuous part in the establishment of independence, and distinguished himself for his bravery and valour under the command of the late venerable General Marion. In that part of the country where he resided, in the times that tried the souls of men, he became a terror and scourge to the enemies of his country, and protected it from the ravages and plunder of those who suned the field of battle. Long will his services and his worth be remembered by his family and friends, who sincerely deplore his loss. (Friday, Dec. 28, 1804)

Married, on Thursday evening last, by the Rev. Mr. Munds, Mr. Joseph Mulligan, of this city, to Miss Jane Sims of Philadelphia. (Saturday, Dec. 29, 1804)

Married, last evening, by the Rev. Dr. Keith, Mr. John S. Bennett, to Miss Ann B. Keith, both of this city. (Tuesday, Jan. 1, 1805)

Married, on the 25th December last, by the Rev. Dr. O'Farrell, Mr. George Robertson, of this city, to Miss Mary Mis-Campbell, daughter of James Mis-Campbell, esq. of Santee.

Married, by the Rev. Mr. Darley, on Thursday, the 27th of December last, Benjamin Risher, esq. to the amiable Miss Mary Koger, eldest daughter of captain Joseph Koger, of St. Bartholomew's.

Married, on Tuesday evening last, by the Rev. Dr. Jenkins, Mr. John Dougherty, to the amiable Miss Margaret Borrow, both of this city, (Thursday, Jan. 3, 1805)

Married, on Thursday evening last, by the Rev. Mr. Price, Mr. Charles Holmes, to the amiable Miss Ellen Margaret Harvey, daughter of capt. Benjamin Harvey, of this city. (Friday, Jan. 4, 1805)

Married, on Thursday evening last, by the Rev. Dr. Hollinshead, Mr. Thomas Sheppard, one of the Editors of the Times, to Miss Christiana Coates. (Saturday, Jan. 5, 1805)

Married, on Friday evening last, by the Rev. Dr. Jenkins, Mr. Nathaniel Pike, to the amiable Miss Mary Turner, both of this city. (Monday, Jan. 7, 1805)

Married on Sunday evening last, by the Rev. Mr. Matthews, Mr. John McNeill, to Mrs. Susannah Allison, widow of the late William Allison.

Died, on Thursday the 27th ult. after a few days illness Mrs. Isabella Torrance, in the twenty-third year of her age. She has left a fond husband, an infant child, and a numerous train of friends to bemoan her short life. (Tuesday, Jan. 8, 1805)

Married at Liberty Hill, Newberry District, on Friday, the 28th December last, Mr. John Blair, of this city, merchant, to Miss Sarah C. Ewell, daughter of Mr. James Ewell, late of Lancaster County, Virginia.

Died, on Saturday last, Mr. Isaac D'Azevedo, aged 46 years; an honest and upright man. (Wednesday, Jan. 9, 1805)

Married, on Tuesday evening, by the Rev. Dr. Jenkins, Thomas Hunt, esq. to Miss Louisa Gaillard, Youngest daughter of John Gaillard, esq. deceased.

Died, on Saturday, the 29th of December last, on his way to this city, Captain Adrian Provoux, in the fifty-third year of his age.—He was a native of Cape Francois, in the Island of St. Domingo, and arriving here about the commencement of our glorious and successful revolution, was admitted a Cadet in the second regiment of this state, under the command of Colonel William Moultrie; he afterwards was promoted to a lieutenancy, and served as such in defence of the fort on Sullivan's Island on the 28th of June, 1776,; and finally was promoted to a Captain, in which situation he remained to the end of the war.

Died, on Monday last, Mrs. Dorothy Davis, widow of the late captain Harman Davis, aged 40 years. (Thursday, Jan. 10, 1805)

Died, at Boone-Hall, in Christ Church parish, on Tuesday evening last, greatly and justly lamented by her afflicted relations and friends, Miss Mary Gibbes, second daughter of John Gibbes, esq. deceased. (Friday, Jan. 11, 1805)

Married, on Sunday evening last, on Edisto Island, by the Rev. Donald M'Leod, Mr. James Mair, of this city, to Miss Martha Graham, youngest daughter of the Rev. William E. Graham, deceased. (Tuesday, Jan. 15, 1805)

Married, on the 20th ult. by the Rev. Mr. M'Whorter, Mr. David Shaw, to Miss Rebecca M'Bride, both of Salem County, Sumter District. (Thursday, Jan. 17, 1805)

Married, on the first instant, Mr. Peter Gaillard, jun. of St. Stephens Parish, to Miss Elizabeth Gourdin, eldest daughter of Theodore Gourdin, esq.

Died, on Monday last, at the Euhaws, Mr. James Heyward, youngest son of the late William Heyward, esq. The death of this amiable youth happened at a hunting party, and was occasioned by his leaning from his horse to strike one of the hounds with the butt of his gun, who was baying a hog—the piece went off and the load passing through his neck, killed him on the spot. (Friday, Jan. 18, 1805)

Died, at Savannah, on the 9th instant, Doctor Noble Wimberley Jones.

The age of this worthy and lamented citizen was not exactly known, but he was among the first settlers of the State. His family came to this country with General Oglethorpe, and so early as 1738 Dr. Jones bore a military commission under that officer.

His correct and discriminating mind made him the early and the determined friend of freedom. In 1765 he was a member of the provincial assembly, and a distinguished opposer of the Stamp Act. From 1768 to 1770 he filled the chair as speaker of the house. In 1771 he began to enjoy the honour of being hateful to tyrants. Though repeatedly chosen speaker, he was compelled to relinquish the chair by an arbitrary exercise of one of the prerogatives contended for by the Crown.

When oppression could no longer be borne by the Colonies, and a separation from Britain became inevitable, the worth of Dr. Jones was not forgotten by his country. He was chosen President of the first provincial congress which set aside the British government in the State. Appointments of trust and importance continued to engage his attention until the fall of Charleston, when, he was, in defiance of the terms of capitulation, forced to St. Augustine, where he remained a prisoner until an exchange took place near the close of the war.

Since the establishment of peace, he has been repeatedly called on by his country to advise on the means of securing the freedom thereby established, and has on all occasions produced the fullest evidences of his attachment to her interests and her republican institutions.

As a professional character, he was not only skilful, but his ready attention to the calls of distress, his sympathy, gentleness and affability, rendered him beloved, and respected by society in general, and more particularly by the large circle of patients to whom his services were rendered.



In private life he had suffered repeated bereavements, of a numerous family of children, he outlived all but one—he has buried grand-children and great-grand-children: but though possessed of the most tender feelings, his fortitude in those moments was not suffered to forsake him.

Truly we may say on this occasion, a good man has fallen; but if years spent in services of his country and performance of his duty as a member of society; if the most benevolent and amiable disposition, crowned with a belief in the cheering doctrines of christianity, can entitle a man to a triumph over the kind of terrors, Doctor Jones might with peculiar propriety exclaim, "O, Death, where is thy sting! O, Grave, where is thy victory!"—Savannah Patriot. (Monday, Jan. 21, 1805)

Died, on Sunday last, William Freeman, esq. one of the tellers of the National Branch Bank. He was a gentleman whose integrity of mind, rectitude of conduct, mild disposition, and obliging behavior, made him beloved by all his friends, and esteemed by all his acquaintance. (Tuesday, Jan. 22, 1805)

Died, in Savannah on the 12th inst. John Miller, esq. aged 55 years, late Sheriff of Beaufort District, South-Carolina. On the 16th, Captain Benjamin Webley, commander of the United States Revenue Cutter, stationed here—he was buried with military honors by the Chatham Artillery, of which he was a member. (Wednesday, Jan. 23, 1805)

Died, on Sunday last, after a lingering illness, Mr. David Denoon, for upwards of twenty years past a very respectable inhabitant of this city. (Thursday, Jan. 24, 1805)

Married, on Monday last, the 21st instant, at Major James E. M'Pherson's Plantation, Prince William's Parish, by the Rev. Job Beck, Mr. Thomas Miles Cater, to Miss Sarah McPherson Postell, eldest daughter of Andrew Postell, esq. deceased. (Friday, Jan. 25, 1805)

Died, at Washington, on Friday morning, the 11th inst. Colonel James Gillespie, a Representative from North Carolina.

The House of Representatives entered on Friday into a resolution to wear crape for thirty days, and on Saturday attended his funeral, for the direction of which they had previously appointed a committee.

Married, on the 1st instant, Mr. Daniel M'Mahan, of Pinkneyville, merchant, to Miss Margarette Kincaid, of Fairfield-district.

## HISTORICAL NOTES

### JOHNSON'S TRADITIONS

We observe from time to time in books and articles concerning South Carolina History references to or quotations from "Traditions and Reminiscences chiefly of the Revolutionary War" by Dr. Joseph Johnson.

Care must be taken in making use of this work not to consider it as history, but simply as so many stories told to Dr. Johnson. This was his own construction of what his book was intended to be. Shortly after its publication in 1851, as the writer of this note was informed by a gentleman whose father was mentioned in the "Traditions," his brother and himself wrote to Dr. Johnson correcting some of the stories which were published concerning their father. These stories were for the most part in praise of their relation, but some of the details were incorrect, and some of the stories really concerned the brother of their ancestor. Dr. Johnson replied in a courteous letter in which he called their attention to the fact that his stories were merely "traditions," and said that he was not responsible in any way for their historical accuracy. Unlike the "Anecdotes" of Major Alexander Garden, which are carefully collected and are unusually accurate, the "Traditions" can not be relied upon.

